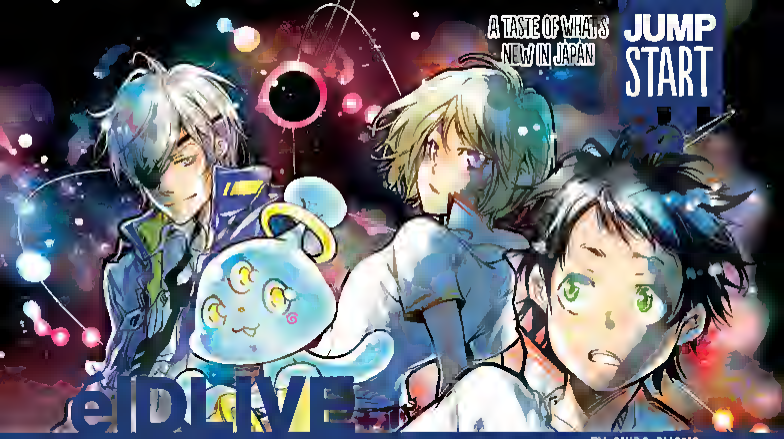

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"Mumbling" Chuta Kokonose doesn't have many friends. In fact, the only conversations he has anymore are with the voices inside his head. Little does he know that this voice doesn't mean he's crazy. It just means he has an alien living inside his body!

PREVIOUSLY IN *éIDLIVE*:

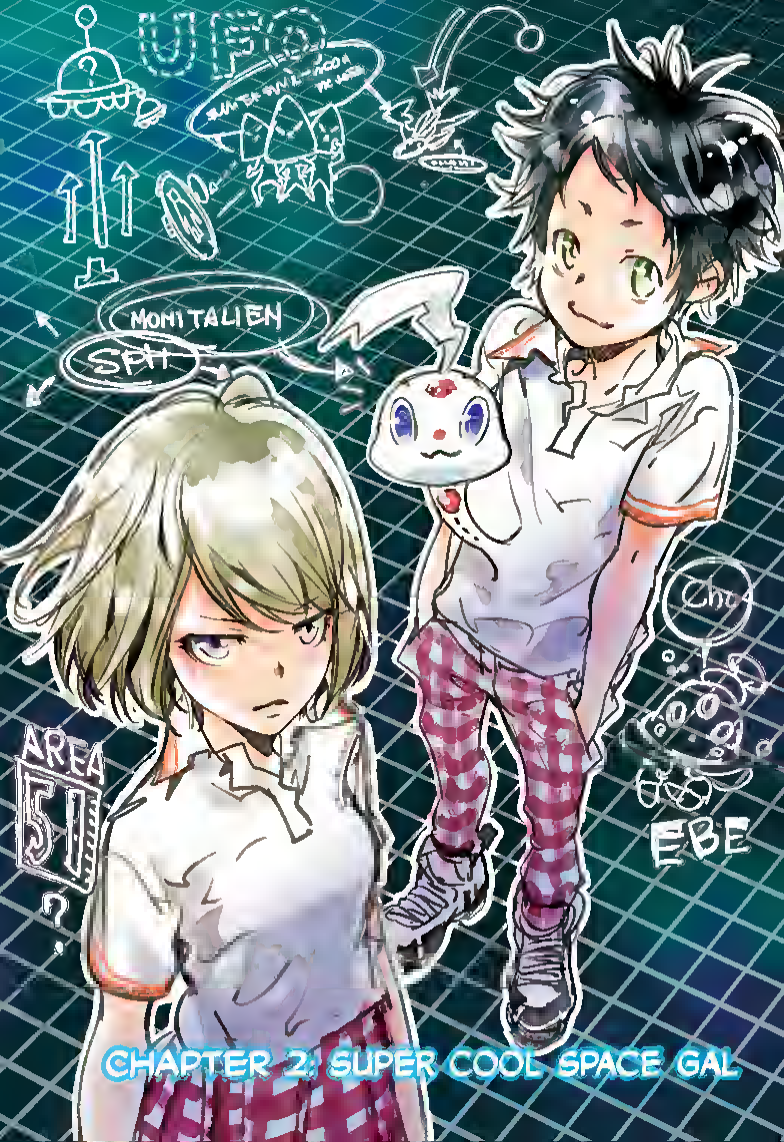
Who would have thought that "Mumbling" Chuta would have a future as a space police officer?! Certainly not his auntie, who's too busy raising Chuta and managing her muffin shop. Absolutely not his classmate Misuzu Sonokata, a fellow galactic cop who just wishes he would disappear off the face of the earth forever. And definitely none of his classmates, who all think he's a tad wonky with all his muttering to himself. But there are some people out there who have faith in Chuta—Chief Lane Brick, the eccentric leader of the éIDLIVE Space Police, and the curious alien living inside his body!

CHUTA KOKONOSE

MONITALIEN

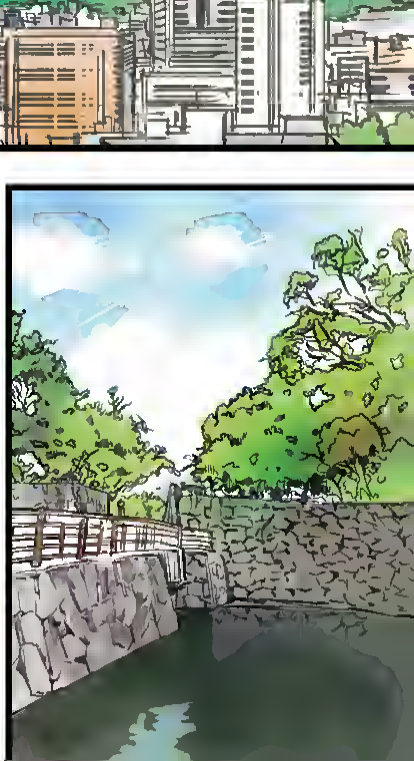
MISUZU SONOKATA

CHIEF LANE BRICK



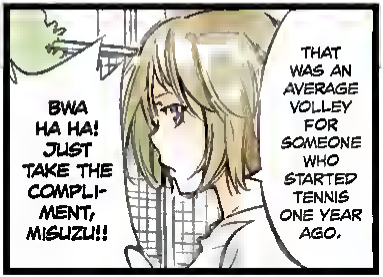
CHAPTER 2: SUPER COOL SPACE GAL

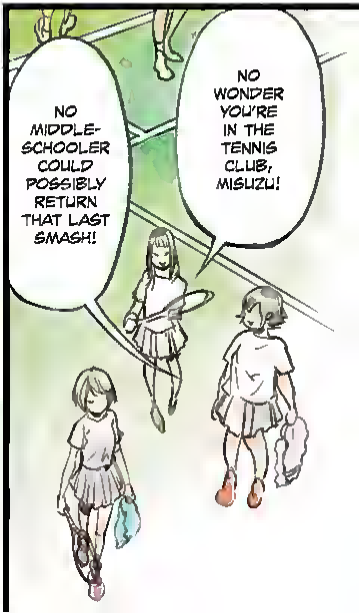
SHIROBORI
MIDDLE SCHOOL

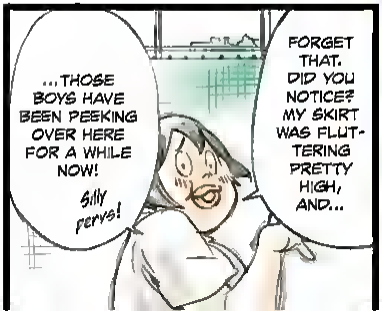


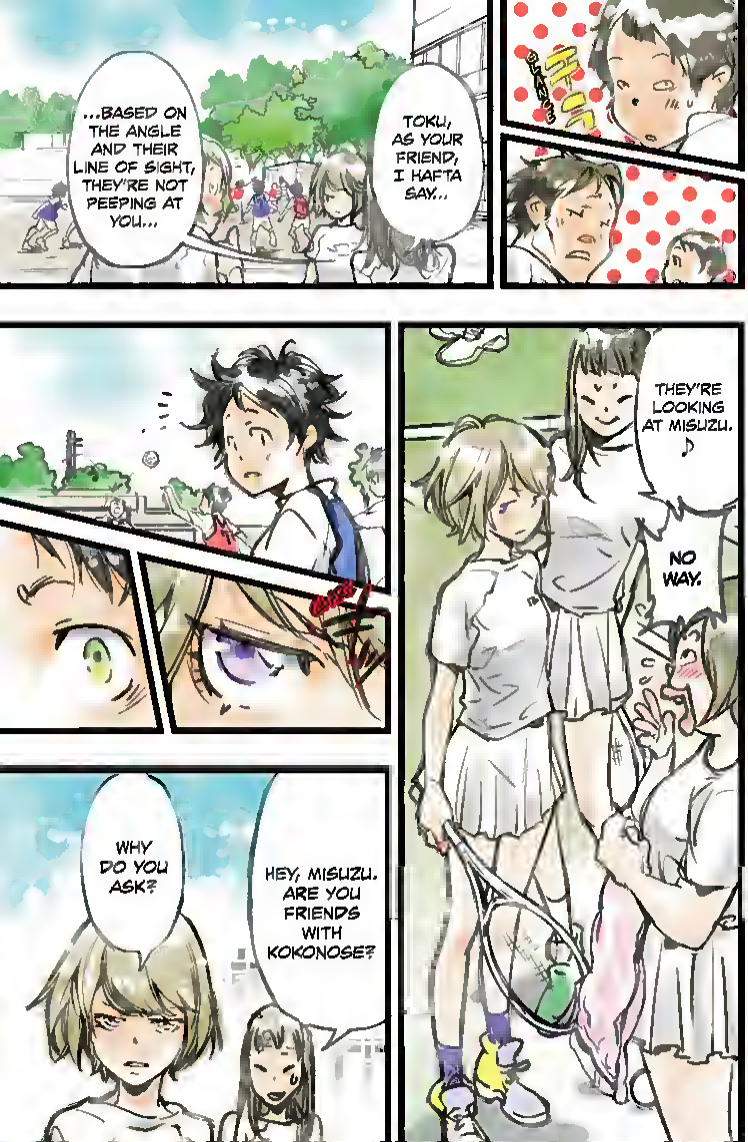
PHWEE
OKAY, SWITCH.
IN!

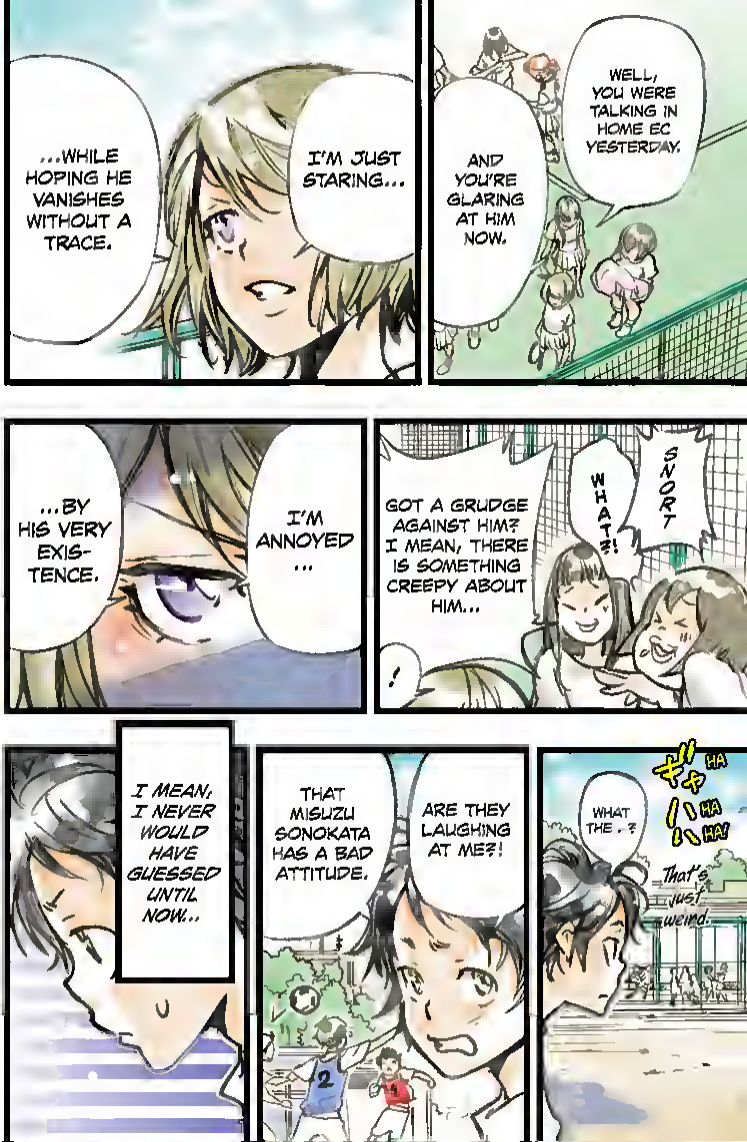
FWOO

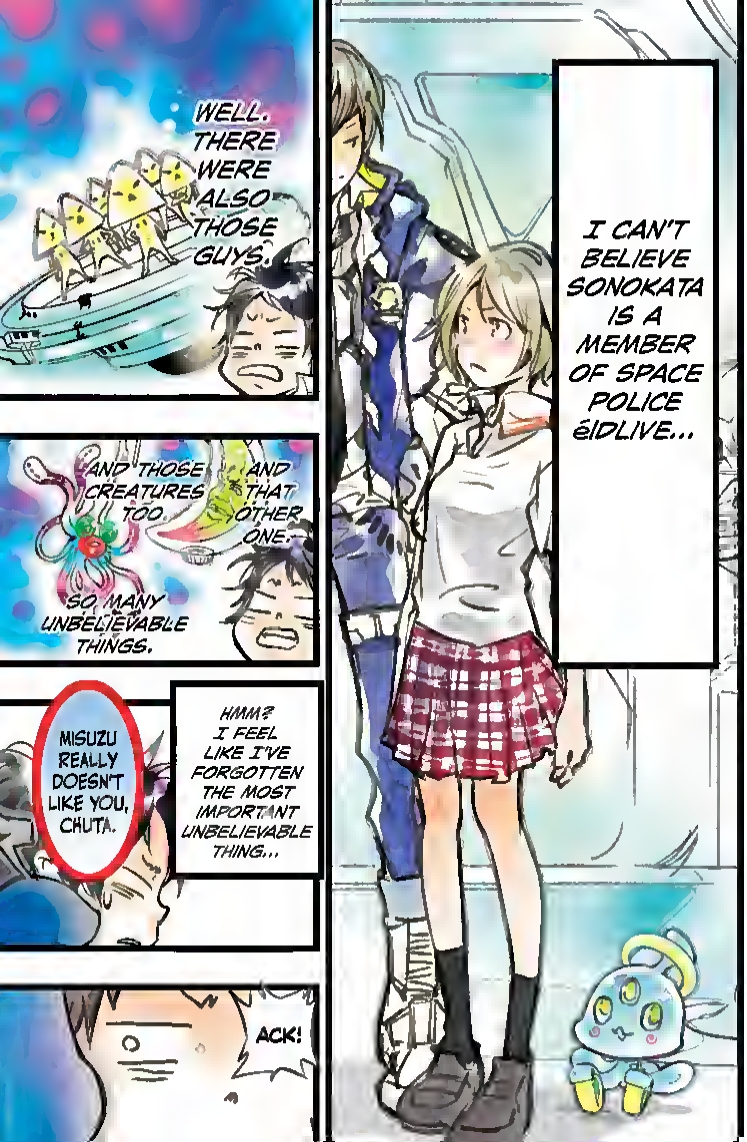

BWA HA HA! JUST TAKE THE COMPLI-MENT, MISUZU!!
THAT WAS AN AVERAGE VOLLEY FOR SOMEONE WHO STARTED TENNIS ONE YEAR AGO.

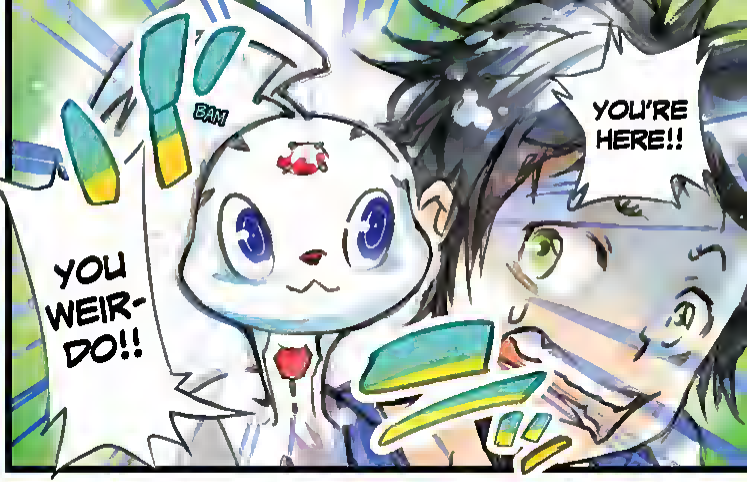

NO WONDER YOU'RE IN THE TENNIS CLUB, MISUZU!
NO MIDDLE-SCHOOLER COULD POSSIBLY RETURN THAT LAST SMASH!

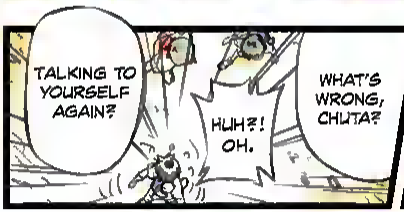

FORGET THAT. DID YOU NOTICE? MY SKIRT WAS FLUT-TERING PRETTY HIGH, AND...
...THOSE BOYS HAVE BEEN PEEKING OVER HERE FOR A WHILE NOW!
Silly pervs!


...BASED ON THE ANGLE AND THEIR LINE OF SIGHT, THEY'RE NOT PEEPING AT YOU...
TOKU, AS YOUR FRIEND, I HAFTA SAY..
SHUN
SHUN
GASP!
THEY'RE LOOKING AT MISUZU. ♪
NO WAY.
HEY, MISUZU. ARE YOU FRIENDS WITH KOKONOSE?
WHY DO YOU ASK?


...WHILE HOPING HE VANISHES WITHOUT A TRACE.
I'M JUST STARING...
AND YOU'RE GLARING AT HIM NOW.
WELL, YOU WERE TALKING IN HOME EC YESTERDAY.
...BY HIS VERY EXIS-TENCE.
I'M ANNOYED ...
GOT A GRUDGE AGAINST HIM? I MEAN, THERE IS SOMETHING CREEPY ABOUT HIM...
WHAT?!
SNORT
I MEAN, I NEVER WOULD HAVE GUESSED UNTIL NOW...
THAT MISUZU SONOKATA HAS A BAD ATTITUDE.
ARE THEY LAUGHING AT ME?!
WHAT THE..?
HA HA HA!
That's just weird.


I CAN'T BELIEVE SONOKATA IS A MEMBER OF SPACE POLICE éIDLIVE...
WELL, THERE WERE ALSO THOSE GUYS.
AND THOSE CREATURES TOO.
AND THAT OTHER ONE.
SO MANY UNBELIEVABLE THINGS.
HMM? I FEEL LIKE I'VE FORGOTTEN THE MOST IMPORTANT UNBELIEVABLE THING...
MISUZU REALLY DOESN'T LIKE YOU, CHUTA.
ACK!


BAM
YOU WEIR-DO!!
YOU'RE HERE!!


TALKING TO YOURSELF AGAIN?
HUH?! OH.
WHAT'S WRONG, CHUTA?

?
?
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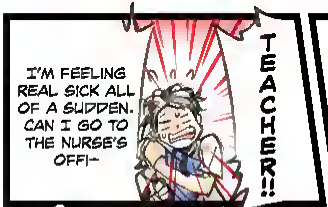
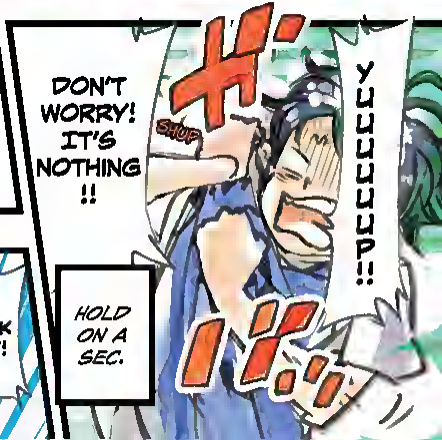

TEACHER!!
I'M FEELING REAL SICK ALL OF A SUDDEN. CAN I GO TO THE NURSE'S OFFI-


YUUUUUUP!!
SHUP
DON'T WORRY! IT'S NOTHING !!
HOLD ON A SEC.

LOOK OUT!
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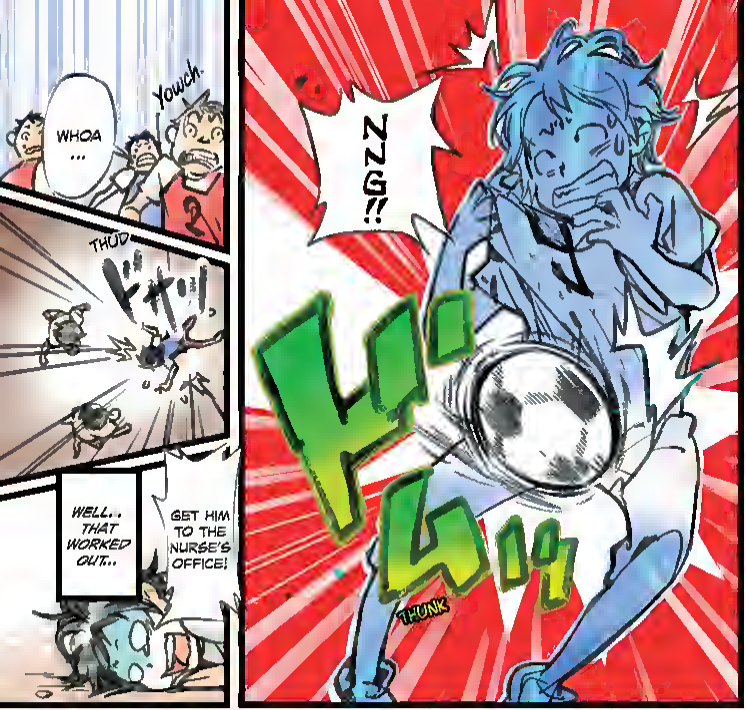
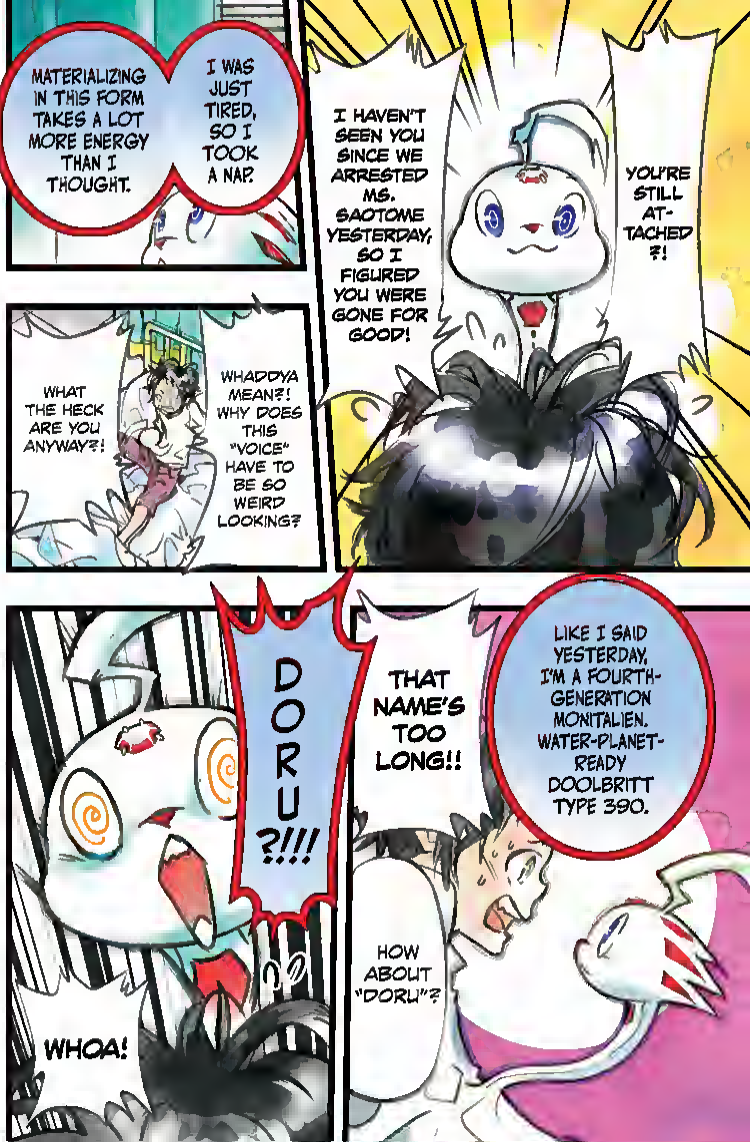
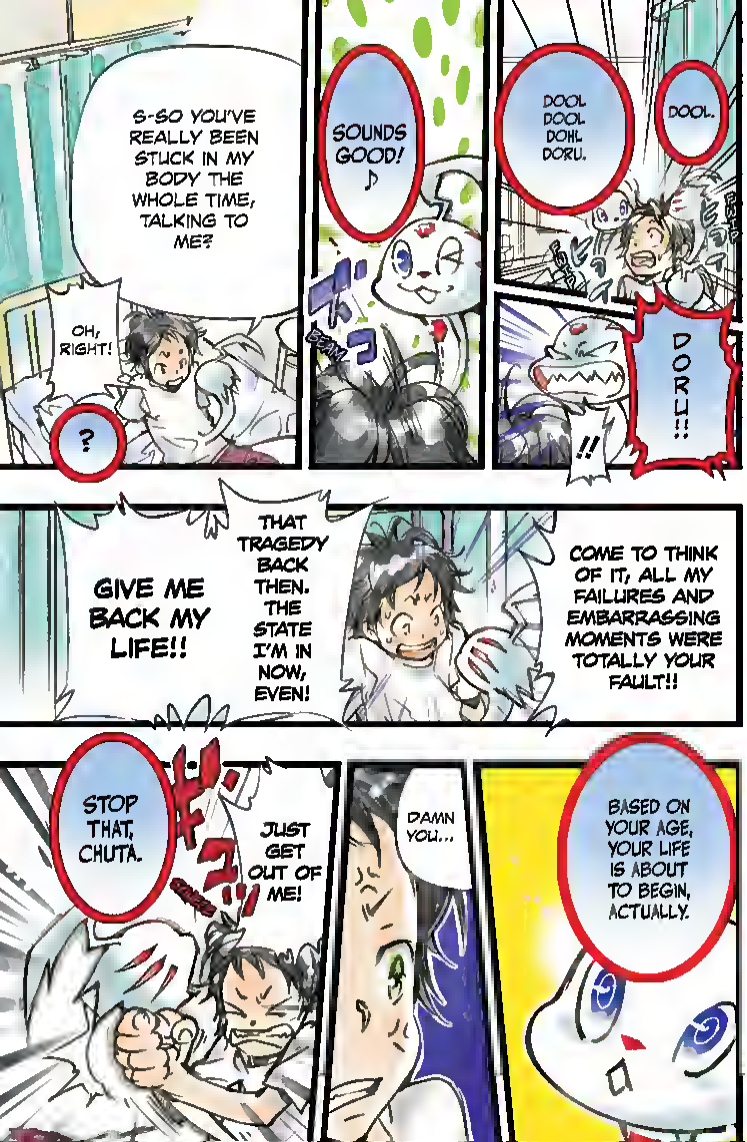
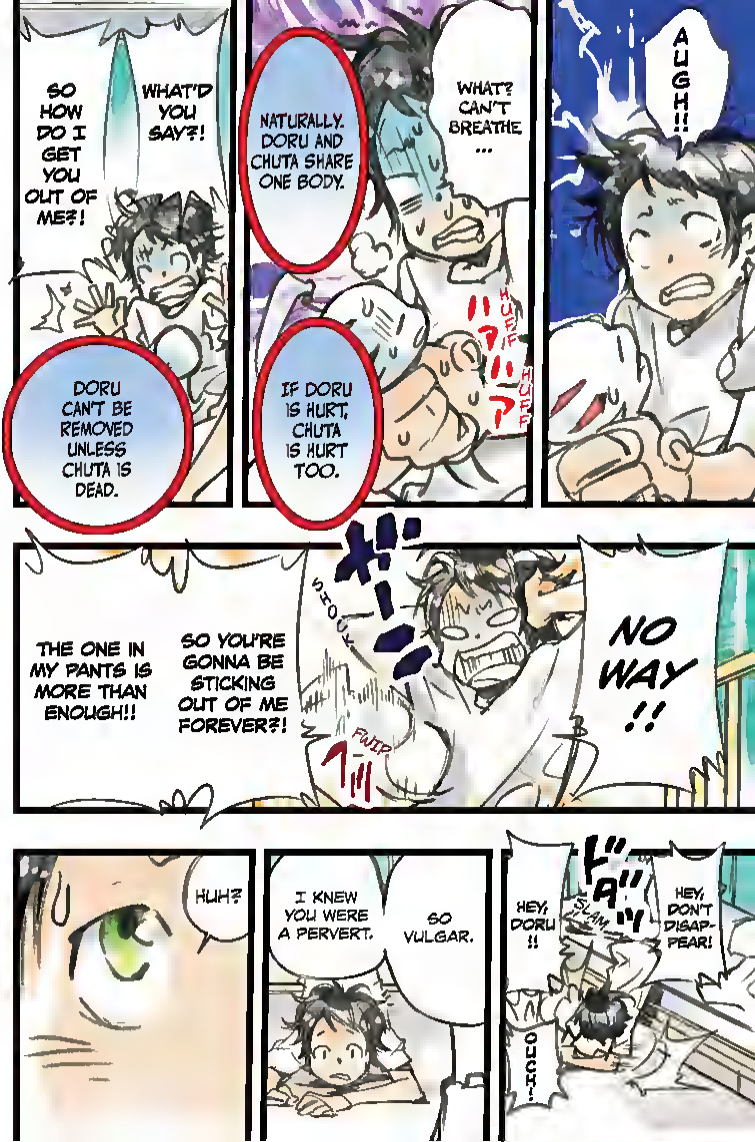

WHOA...
Youch.
THUD
WELL... THAT WORKED OUT..
GET HIM TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE!
NNG!!
THUNK

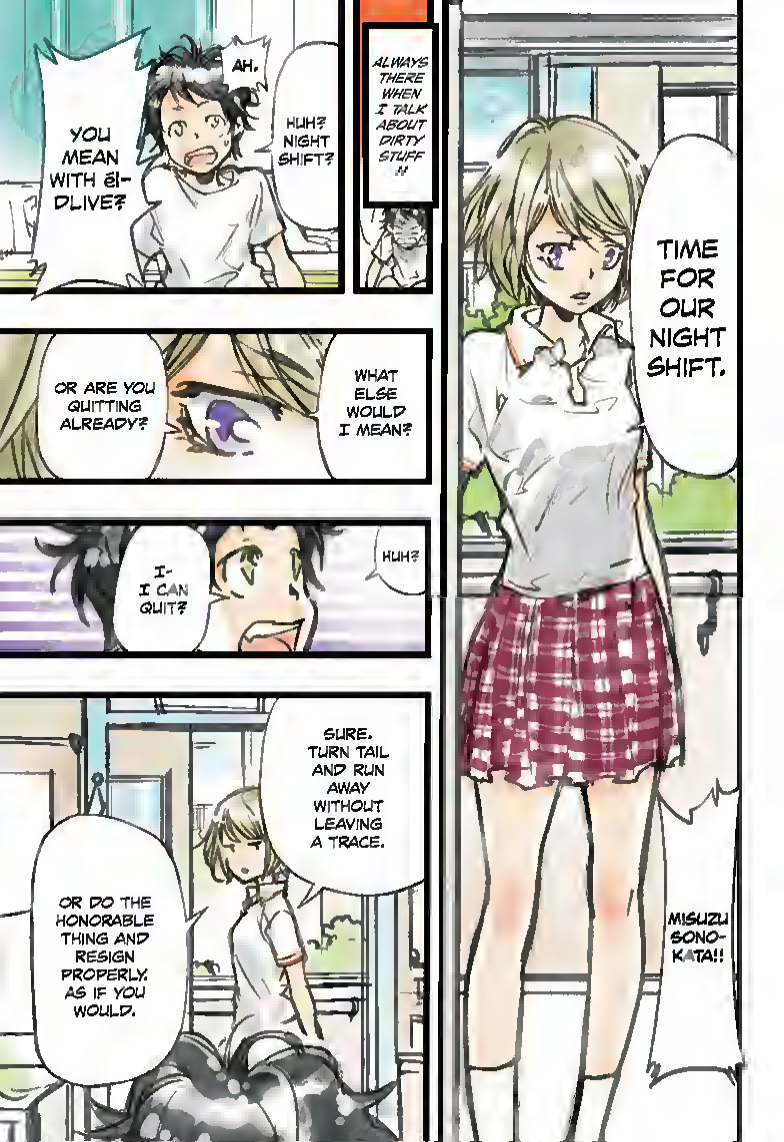
YUP. GONE.
SHE'S GONE.
FWMP
YAWN
YOU...

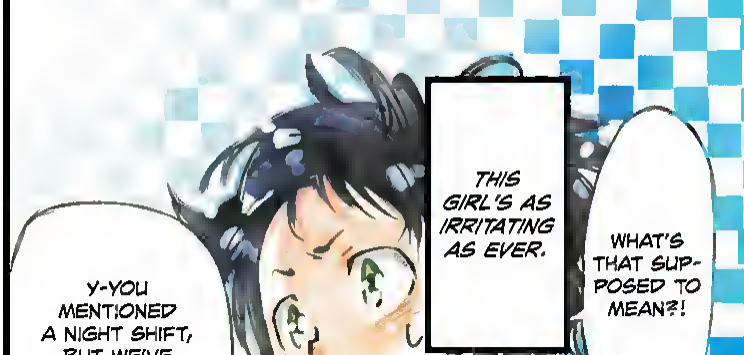
I HAVE TO GO, BUT YOU STAY HERE AND REST, OKAY?
OKAY...
NURSE'S OFFICE


MATERIALIZING IN THIS FORM TAKES A LOT MORE ENERGY THAN I THOUGHT.
I WAS JUST TIRED, SO I TOOK A NAP.
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE WE ARRESTED MS. SAOTOME YESTERDAY, SO I FIGURED YOU WERE GONE FOR GOOD!
YOU'RE STILL ATTACHED?!
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU ANYWAY?!
WHADDYA MEAN?! WHY DOES THIS "VOICE" HAVE TO BE SO WEIRD LOOKING?
DORU?!!!
WHOA!
THAT NAME'S TOO LONG!!
LIKE I SAID YESTERDAY, I'M A FOURTH-GENERATION MONITALIEN. WATER-PLANET-READY DOOLBRITT TYPE 390.
HOW ABOUT "DORU"?

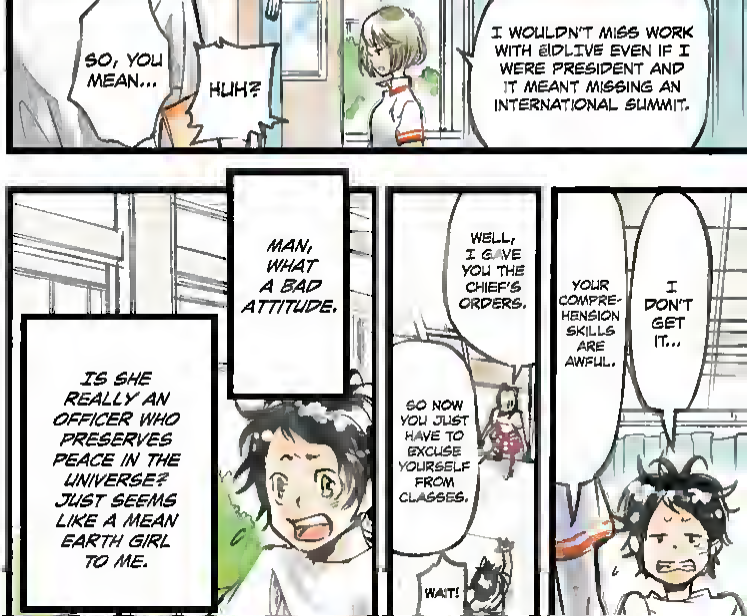

S-SO YOU'VE REALLY BEEN STUCK IN MY BODY THE WHOLE TIME, TALKING TO ME?
OH, RIGHT!
?
SOUNDS GOOD! ♪
DOOL DOOL DOHL DORU.
DOOL.
DORU!!
!!
GIVE ME BACK MY LIFE!!
THAT TRAGEDY BACK THEN. THE STATE I'M IN NOW, EVEN!
COME TO THINK OF IT, ALL MY FAILURES AND EMBARRASSING MOMENTS WERE TOTALLY YOUR FAULT!!
STOP THAT, CHUTA.
JUST GET OUT OF ME!
DAMN YOU...
BASED ON YOUR AGE, YOUR LIFE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN, ACTUALLY.

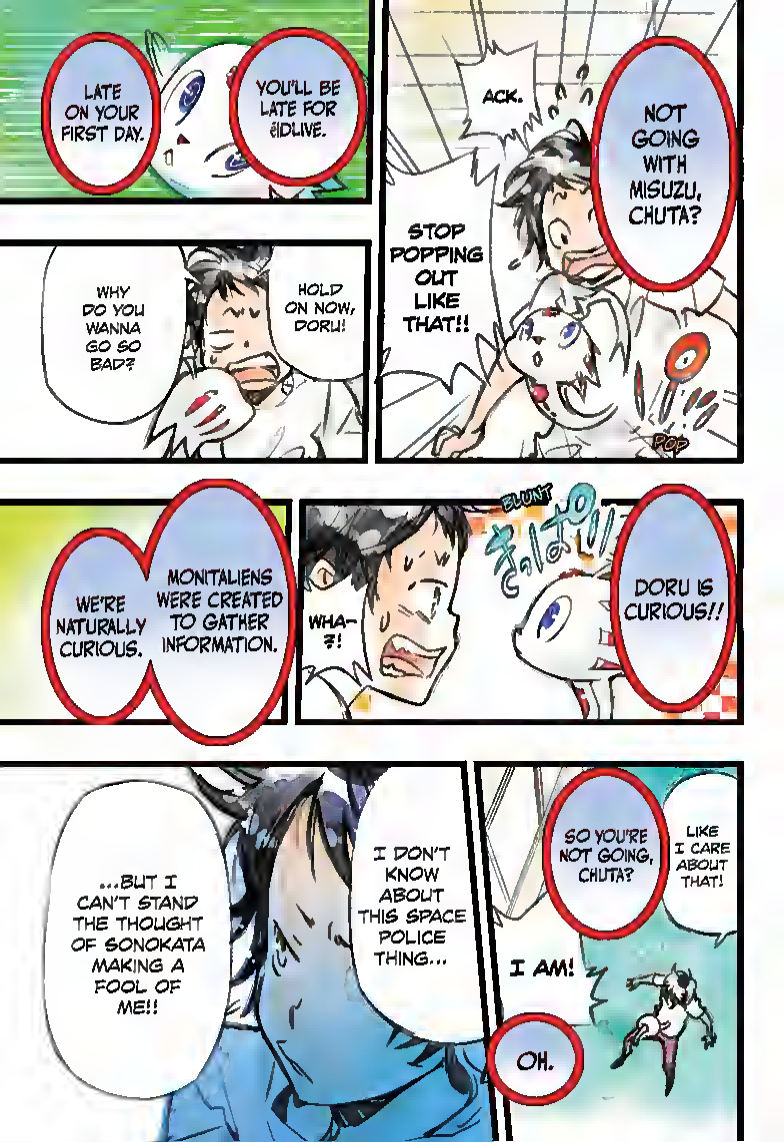

AUGH!!
WHAT? CAN'T BREATHE...
HUFF HUFF
NATURALLY. DORU AND CHUTA SHARE ONE BODY.
IF DORU IS HURT, CHUTA IS HURT TOO.
SO HOW DO I GET YOU OUT OF ME?!
WHAT'D YOU SAY?!
DORU CAN'T BE REMOVED UNLESS CHUTA IS DEAD.
NO WAY!!
GUOOO


TIME FOR OUR NIGHT SHIFT.
MISUZU SONO-KATA!!
ALWAYS THERE WHEN I TALK ABOUT DIRTY STUFF !!
HUH? NIGHT SHIFT?
AH.
YOU MEAN WITH él-DLIVE?
WHAT ELSE WOULD I MEAN?
OR ARE YOU QUITTING ALREADY?
HUH?
I- I CAN QUIT?
SURE. TURN TAIL AND RUN AWAY WITHOUT LEAVING A TRACE.
OR DO THE HONORABLE THING AND RESIGN PROPERLY. AS IF YOU WOULD.

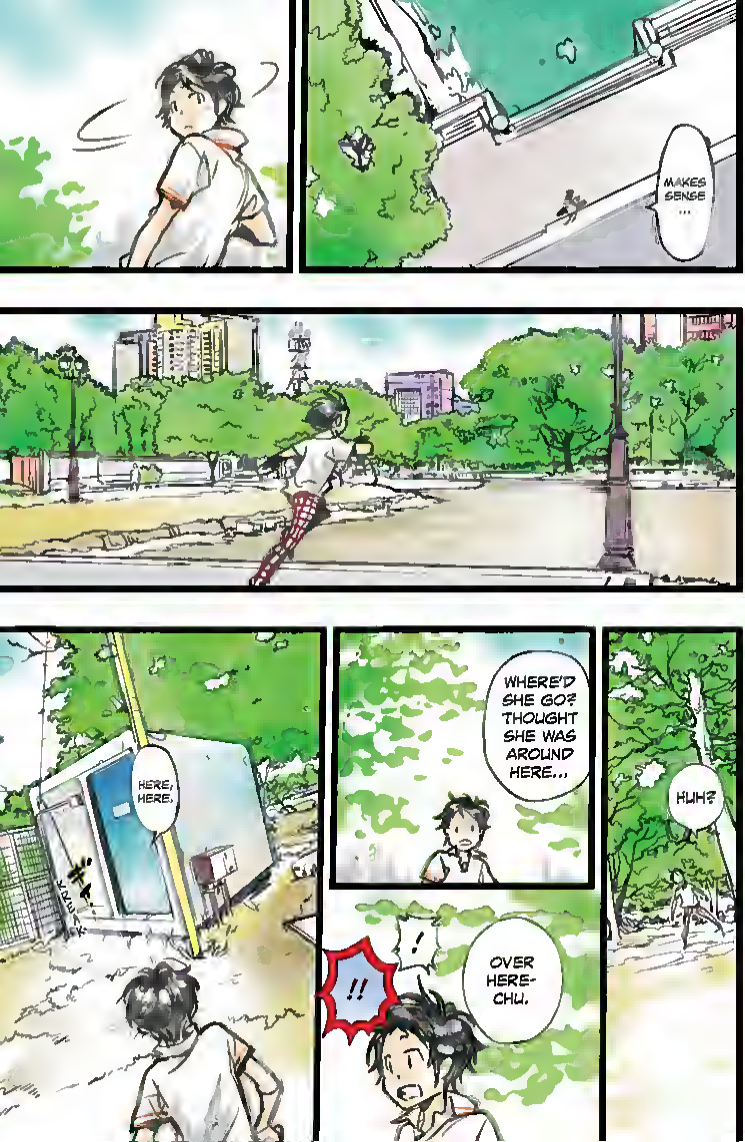

THIS GIRL'S AS IRRITATING AS EVER.
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!
Y-YOU MENTIONED A NIGHT SHIFT, BUT WE'VE GOT CLASSES NOW.

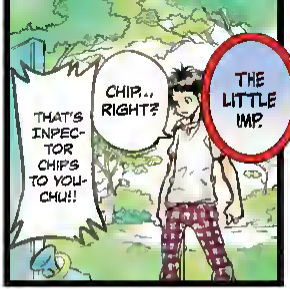
I WOULDN'T MISS WORK WITH BIDLIVE EVEN IF I WERE PRESIDENT AND IT MEANT MISSING AN INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT.
HUH?
SO, YOU MEAN...


I DON'T GET IT...
YOUR COMPREHENSION SKILLS ARE AWFUL.
WELL, I GAVE YOU THE CHIEF'S ORDERS.
SO NOW YOU JUST HAVE TO EXCUSE YOURSELF FROM CLASSES.
WAIT!
MAN, WHAT A BAD ATTITUDE.
IS SHE REALLY AN OFFICER WHO PRESERVES PEACE IN THE UNIVERSE? JUST SEEMS LIKE A MEAN EARTH GIRL TO ME.

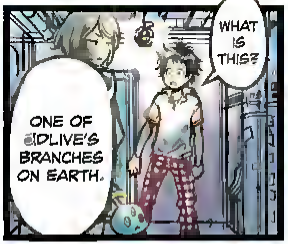

LATE ON YOUR FIRST DAY.
YOU'LL BE LATE FOR GIDLIVE.
ACK.
NOT GOING WITH MISUZU, CHUTA?
STOP POPPING OUT LIKE THAT!!
POP
WHY DO YOU WANNA GO SO BAD?
HOLD ON NOW, DORU!
BLUNT
WHA-?!
DORU IS CURIOUS!!
WE'RE NATURALLY CURIOUS.
MONITALIENS WERE CREATED TO GATHER INFORMATION.
SO YOU'RE NOT GOING, CHUTA?
LIKE I CARE ABOUT THAT!
I AM!
OH.
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS SPACE POLICE THING...
...BUT I CAN'T STAND THE THOUGHT OF SONOKATA MAKING A FOOL OF ME!!

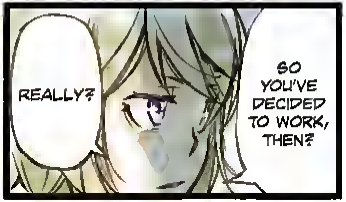
OHORI BRIDGE. MISUZU'S HEADED FOR THE PARK.
WHERE'D SHE RUN OFF TO?
IN SPACE YESTERDAY, IT WAS ALL BLACK, RIGHT?
MAYBE NIGHT AND DAY ARE DIFFERENT WHEN YOU'RE IN SPACE.
I DON'T GET IT. WHY A "NIGHT" SHIFT?
IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY.


MAKES SENSE...
WHERE'D SHE GO? THOUGHT SHE WAS AROUND HERE...
HUH?
HERE, HERE.
!
!!
OVER HERE-CHU.


THE LITTLE IMP.
CHIP.. RIGHT?
THAT'S INPEC-TOR CHIP'S TO YOU-CHU!!

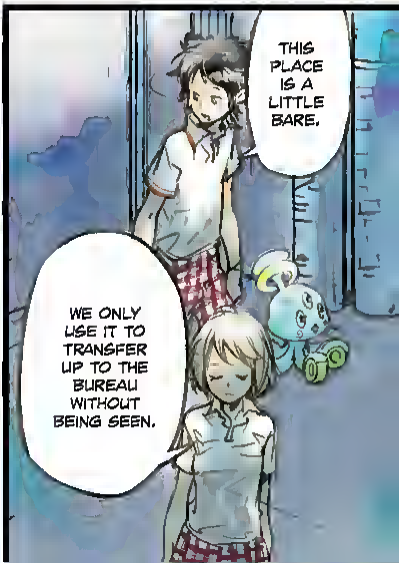
HURRY UP, NOW-CHU!!
AH!

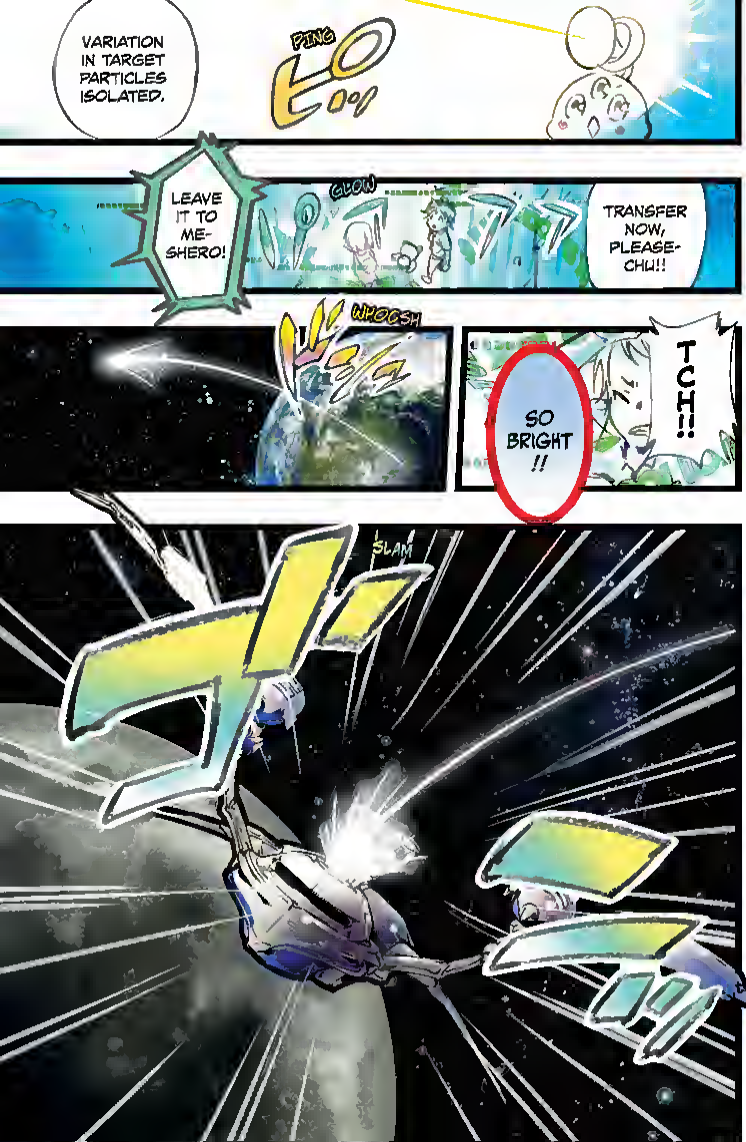

WHAT IS THIS?
ONE OF ⊜IDLIVE'S BRANCHES ON EARTH.

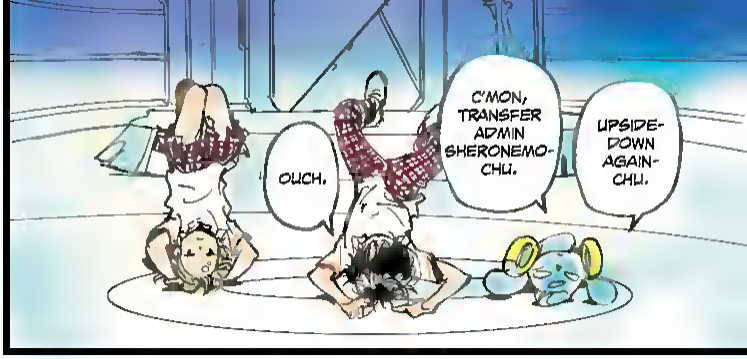

SO YOU'VE DECIDED TO WORK, THEN?
REALLY?

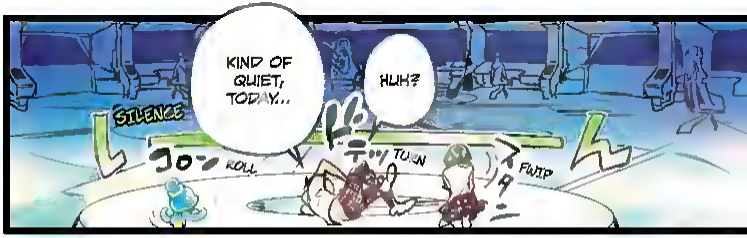
Y-YEAH!
I MEAN ...

OKAY, LET'S GO-CHU !!

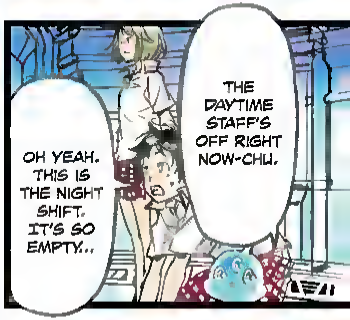

THIS PLACE IS A LITTLE BARE.
WE ONLY USE IT TO TRANSFER UP TO THE BUREAU WITHOUT BEING SEEN.


VARIATION IN TARGET PARTICLES ISOLATED.
PING
LEAVE IT TO ME-SHERO!
GLOW
TRANSFER NOW, PLEASE-CHU!!
WHOOSH
SO BRIGHT !!
TCH!!
SLAM


OUCH.
C'MON, TRANSFER ADMIN SHERONEMO-CHU.
UPSIDE-DOWN AGAIN-CHU.

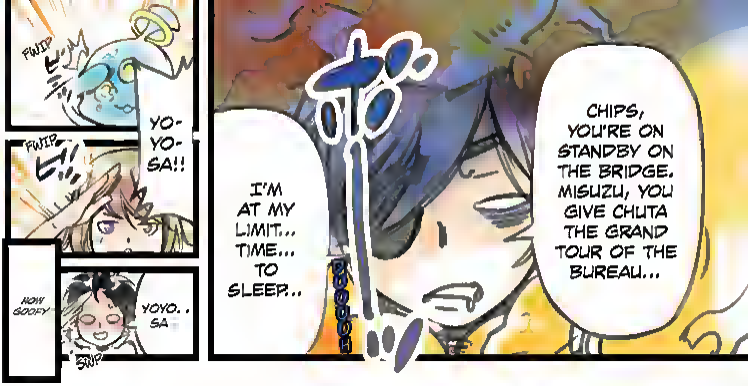

SILENCE
KIND OF QUIET, TODAY...
HUH?
KOLL
TURN
FWIP

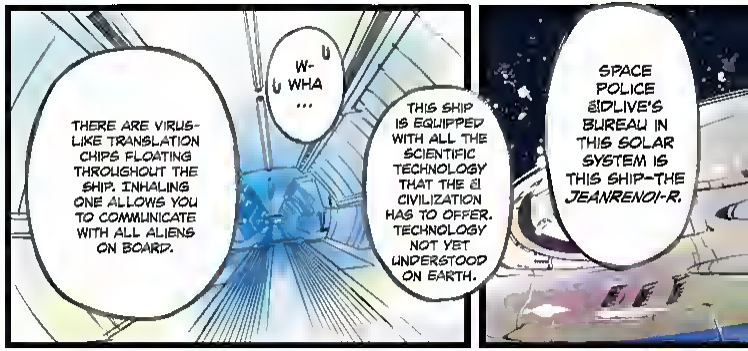
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU GUYS!
KLANK
KLANK
HUH?
CHIEF LANE?!

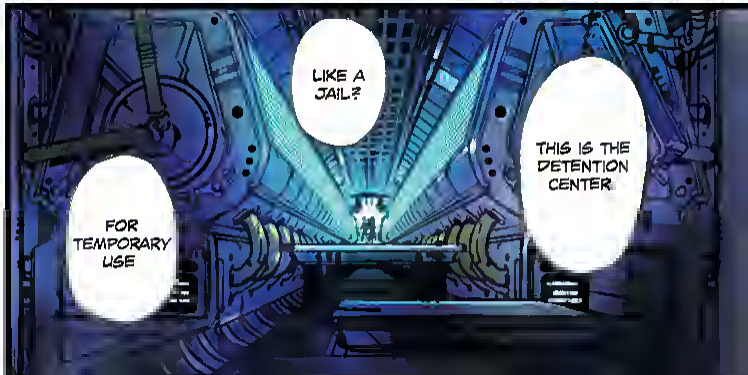

THE DAYTIME STAFF'S OFF RIGHT NOW-CHU.
OH YEAH. THIS IS THE NIGHT SHIFT. IT'S SO EMPTY...

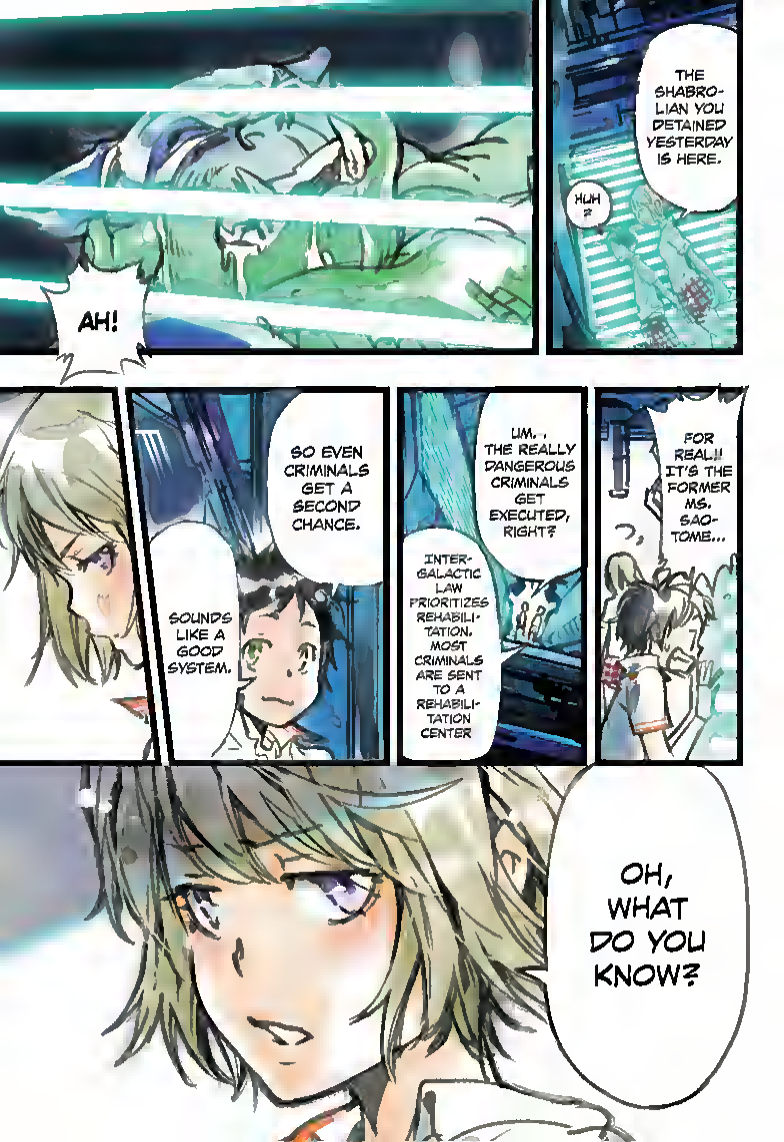
KLANK
KLANK
SOME-ONE'S HERE, CHUTA!
TO THE RIGHT.
AH...

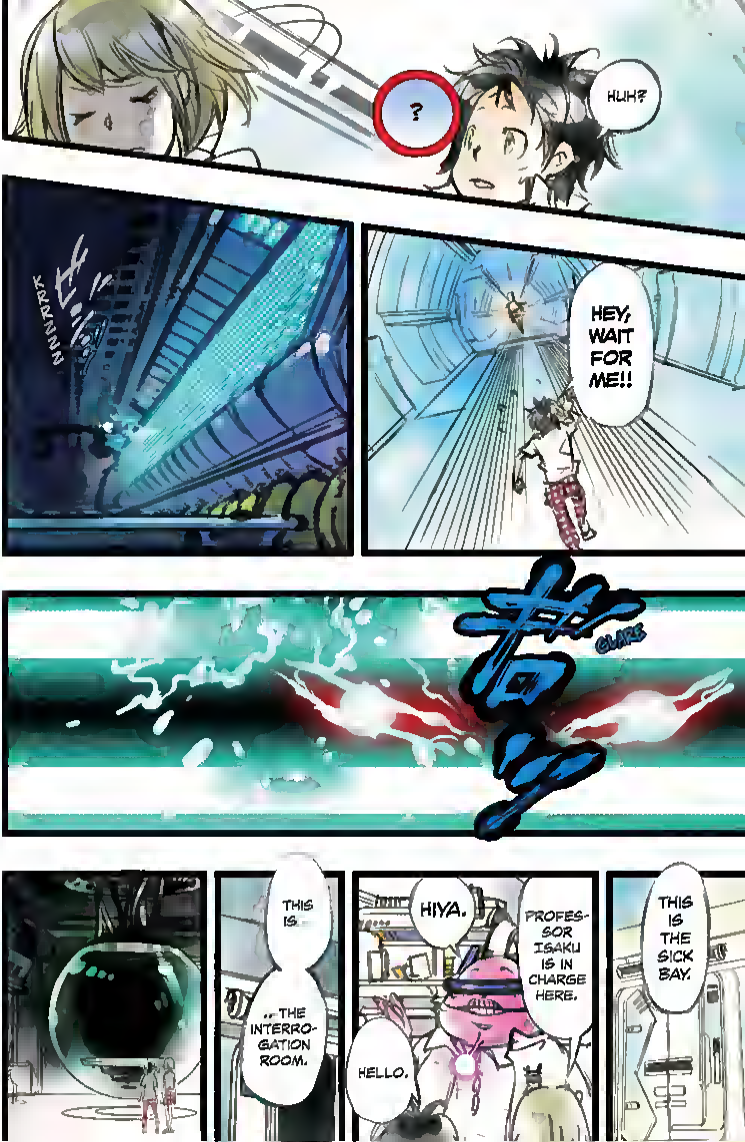
OH, CHUTA KOKO-NOSE AND..
...THE MONIT-ALIEN.
!
STARE
UH... UM...
STARE
NO, CHIEF-CHU!!
YOU CAN'T SLEEP HERE!
SLAP
SLAP
NNG.
WH...
WHEN'D HE FALL ASLEEP?!
THIS GUY'S HARD TO READ...

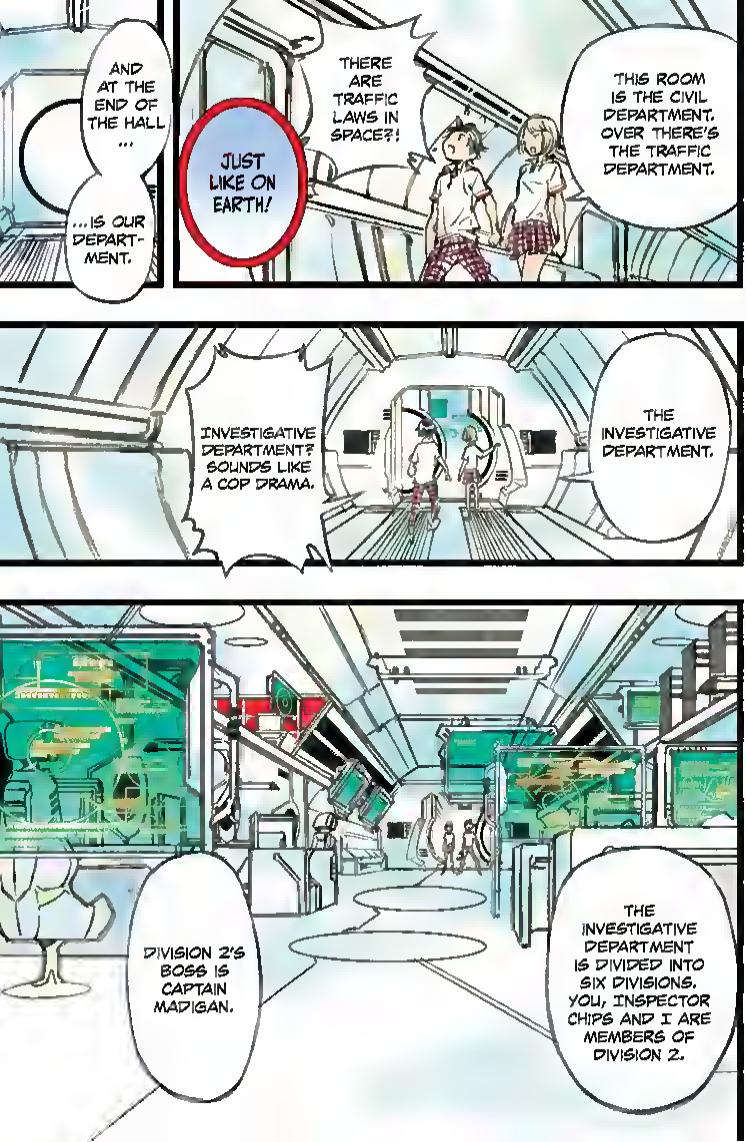

FWIP
YO-YO-SA!!
FWIP
HOW GOOFY
YOYO..SA
SNIP
I'M AT MY LIMIT... TIME... TO SLEEP..
ZZZZZZ
CHIPS, YOU'RE ON STANDBY ON THE BRIDGE. MISUZU, YOU GIVE CHUTA THE GRAND TOUR OF THE BUREAU...

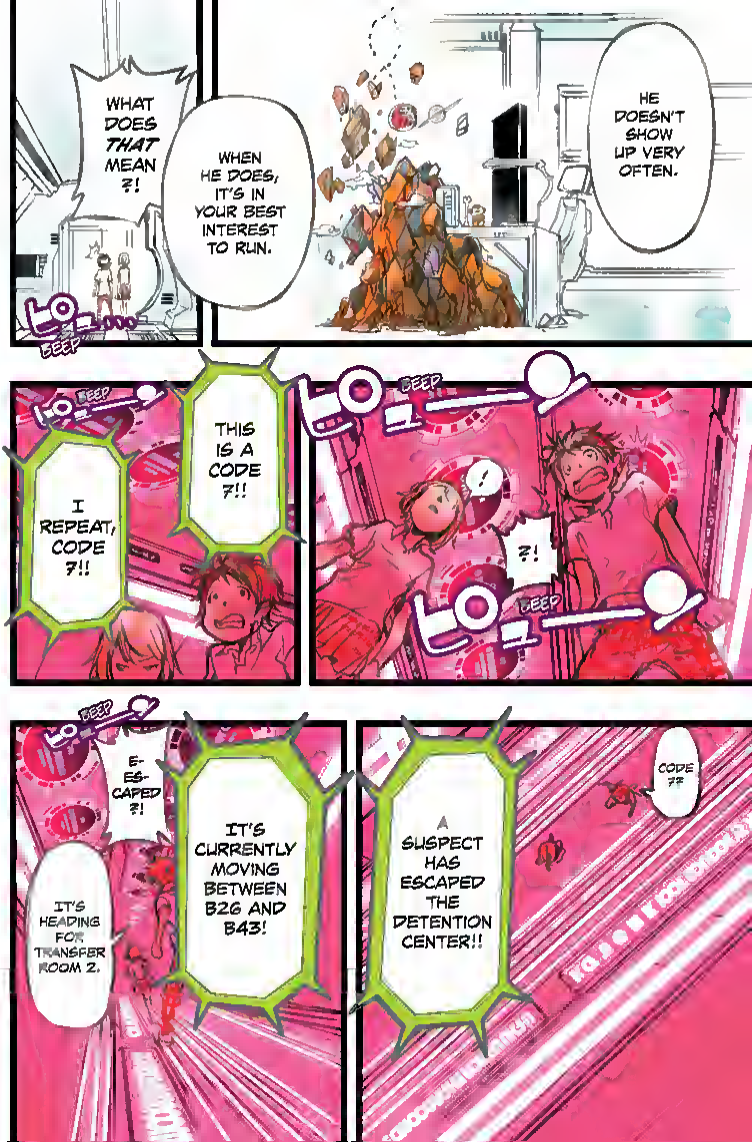

THERE ARE VIRUS-LIKE TRANSLATION CHIPS FLOATING THROUGHOUT THE SHIP. INHALING ONE ALLOWS YOU TO COMMUNICATE WITH ALL ALIENS ON BOARD.
W-WHA...
THIS SHIP IS EQUIPPED WITH ALL THE SCIENTIFIC TECHNOLOGY THAT THE ∃I CIVILIZATION HAS TO OFFER. TECHNOLOGY NOT YET UNDERSTOOD ON EARTH.
SPACE POLICE ∃IDLIVE'S BUREAU IN THIS SOLAR SYSTEM IS THIS SHIP-THE JEANRENOI-R.

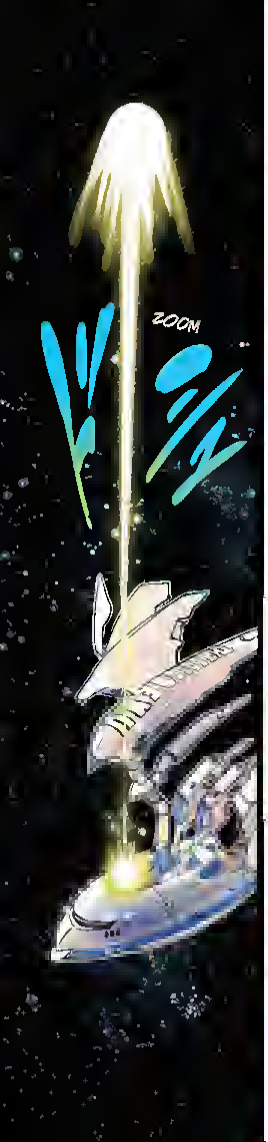

FOR TEMPORARY USE
LIKE A JAIL?
THIS IS THE DETENTION CENTER.


AH!
THE SHABROLIAN YOU DETAINED YESTERDAY IS HERE.
HUH?
SO EVEN CRIMINALS GET A SECOND CHANCE.
SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD SYSTEM.
UM., THE REALLY DANGEROUS CRIMINALS GET EXECUTED, RIGHT?
INTERGALACTIC LAW PRIORITIZES REHABILITATION. MOST CRIMINALS ARE SENT TO A REHABILITATION CENTER
FOR REAL!! IT'S THE FORMER MS. SAOTOME...
OH, WHAT DO YOU KNOW?


?
HUH?
KRRNNN
HEY, WAIT FOR ME!!
GLARE
THIS IS...
.. THE INTERRO-GATION ROOM.
HIYA.
HELLO.
PROFES-SOR ISAKU IS IN CHARGE HERE.
THIS IS THE SICK BAY.


AND AT THE END OF THE HALL ...
...IS OUR DEPART-MENT.
JUST LIKE ON EARTH!
THERE ARE TRAFFIC LAWS IN SPACE?!
THIS ROOM IS THE CIVIL DEPARTMENT. OVER THERE'S THE TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT.
INVESTIGATIVE DEPARTMENT? SOUNDS LIKE A COP DRAMA.
THE INVESTIGATIVE DEPARTMENT.
DIVISION 2'S BOSS IS CAPTAIN MADIGAN.
THE INVESTIGATIVE DEPARTMENT IS DIVIDED INTO SIX DIVISIONS. YOU, INSPECTOR CHIPS AND I ARE MEMBERS OF DIVISION 2.


WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?!
WHEN HE DOES, IT'S IN YOUR BEST INTEREST TO RUN.
HE DOESN'T SHOW UP VERY OFTEN.
BEEP
BEEP
THIS IS A CODE 7!!
I REPEAT, CODE 7!!
BEEP
!
?!
BEEP
BEEP
E-ESCAPED?!
IT'S CURRENTLY MOVING BETWEEN B26 AND B43!
IT'S HEADING FOR TRANSFER ROOM 2.
A SUSPECT HAS ESCAPED THE DETENTION CENTER!!
CODE 7?



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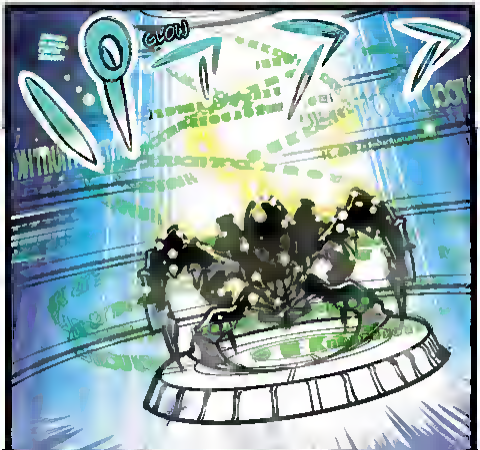
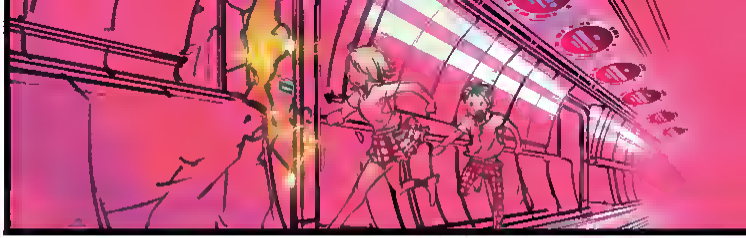
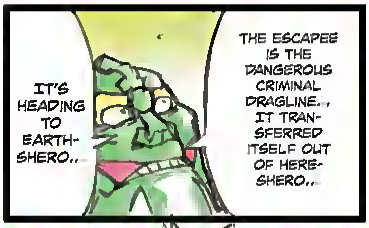
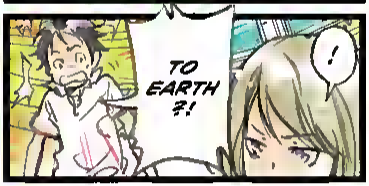





IT'S HEADING TO EARTH-SHERO..
THE ESCAPEE IS THE DANGEROUS CRIMINAL DRAGLINE.., IT TRANSFERRED ITSELF OUT OF HERE-SHERO..


TO EARTH ?!
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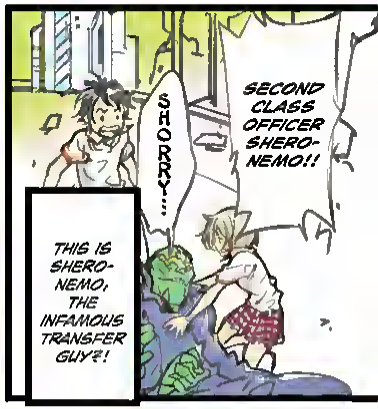
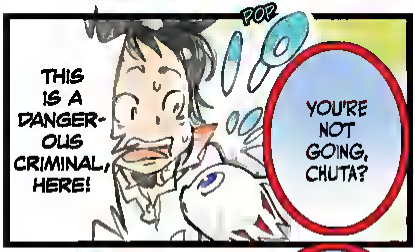
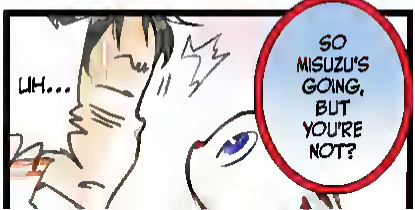
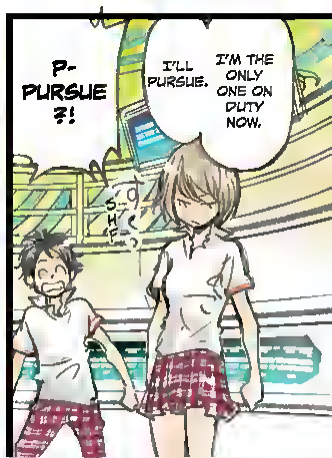
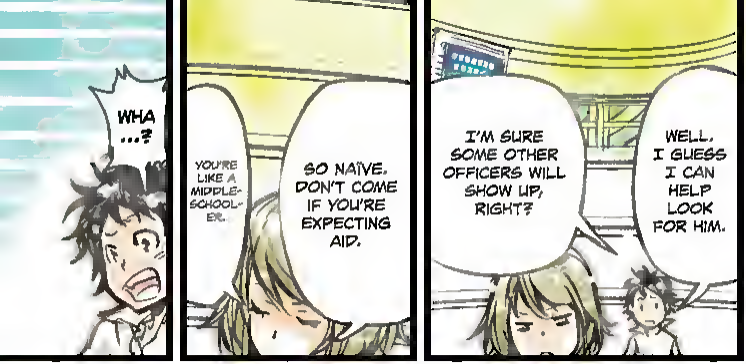
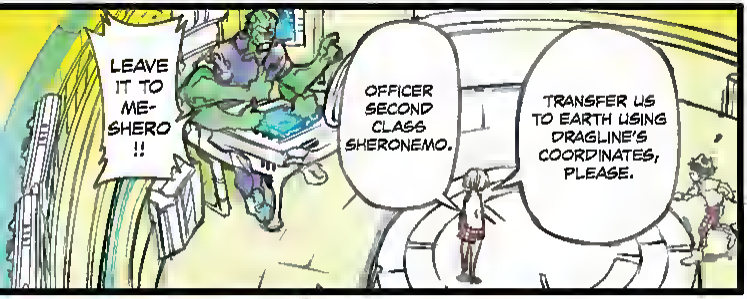

SECOND CLASS OFFICER SHERO-NEMO!!
SHORRY...
THIS IS SHERO-NEMO, THE INFAMOUS TRANSFER GUY?!

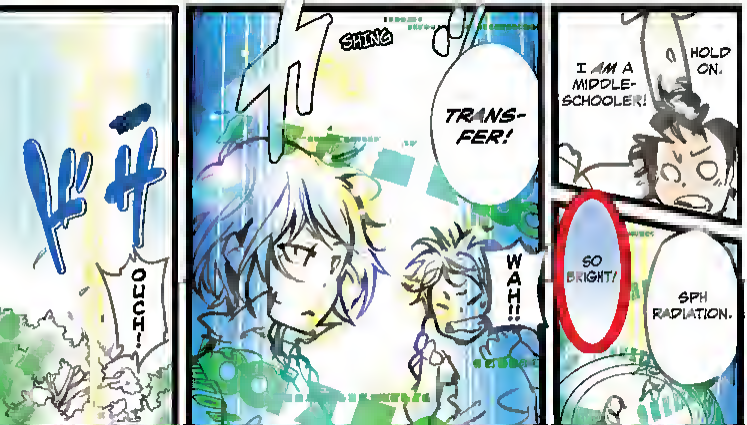

POR
THIS IS A DANGEROUS CRIMINAL, HERE!
YOU'RE NOT GOING, CHUTA?

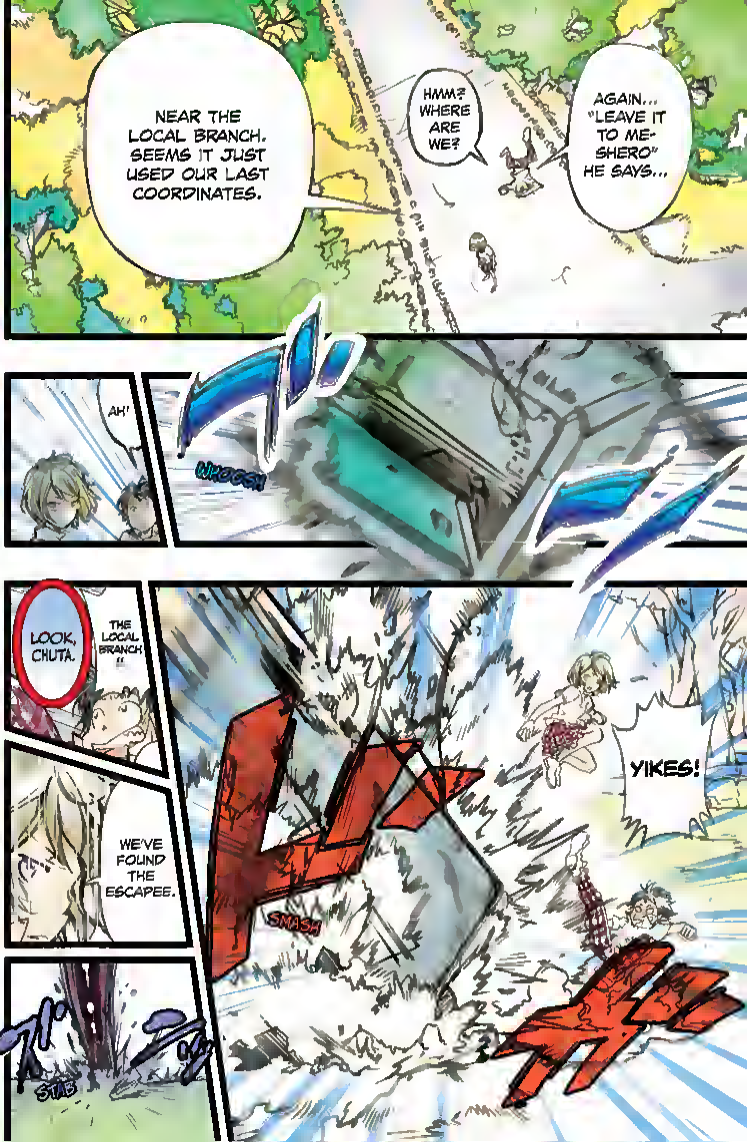

UH...
SO MISUZU'S GOING, BUT YOU'RE NOT?

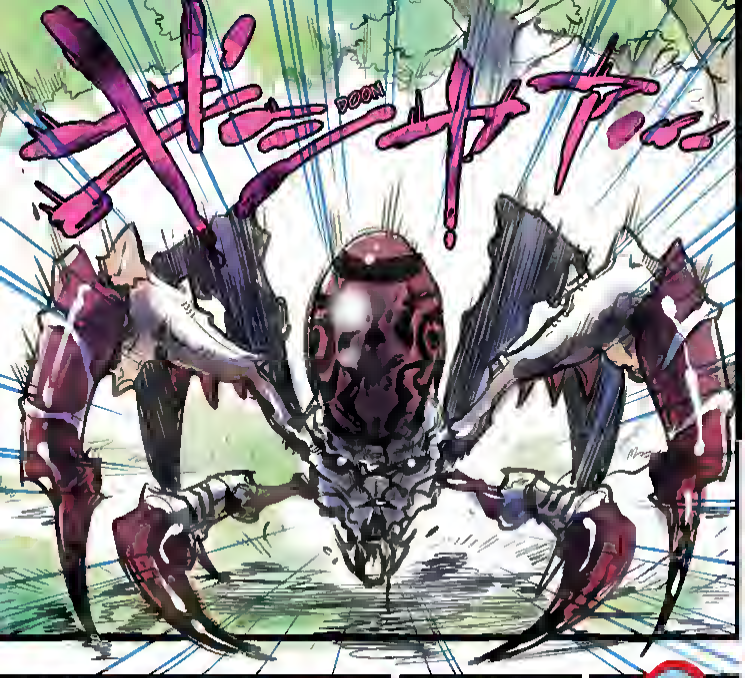

P-PURSUE ?!
I'LL PURSUE.
I'M THE ONLY ONE ON DUTY NOW.
S... H F...


WHA...?
YOU'RE LIKE A MIDDLE-SCHOOLER.
SO NAÏVE. DON'T COME IF YOU'RE EXPECTING AID.
I'M SURE SOME OTHER OFFICERS WILL SHOW UP, RIGHT?
WELL, I GUESS I CAN HELP LOOK FOR HIM.


LEAVE IT TO ME-SHERO!!
OFFICER SECOND CLASS SHERONEMO.
TRANSFER US TO EARTH USING DRAGLINE'S COORDINATES, PLEASE.


OUCH!
SHINE
TRANS-FER!
WAH!!
I AM A MIDDLE-SCHOOLER!
HOLD ON.
SO BRIGHT!
SPH RADIATION.


NEAR THE LOCAL BRANCH. SEEMS IT JUST USED OUR LAST COORDINATES.
HMM? WHERE ARE WE?
AGAIN... "LEAVE IT TO ME- SHERO" HE SAYS...
AH!
WHOOSH
LOOK, CHUTA. THE LOCAL BRANCH!
WE'VE FOUND THE ESCAPEE.
YIKES!
SMASH
STAB

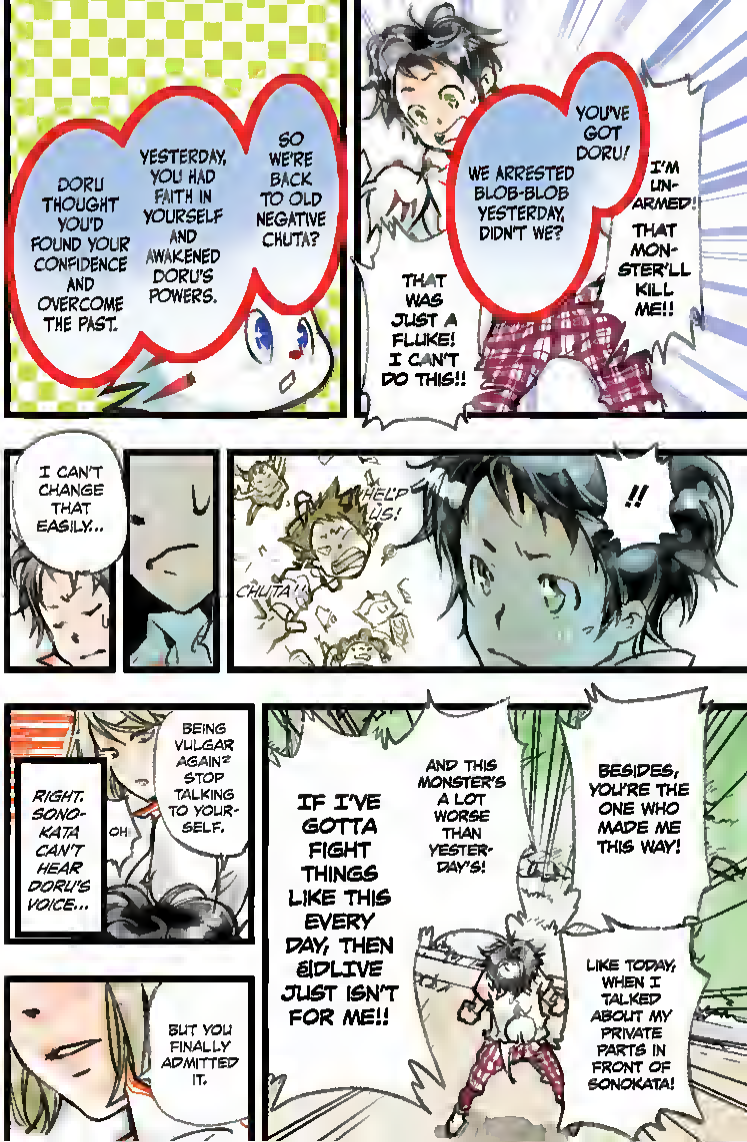

DOOM

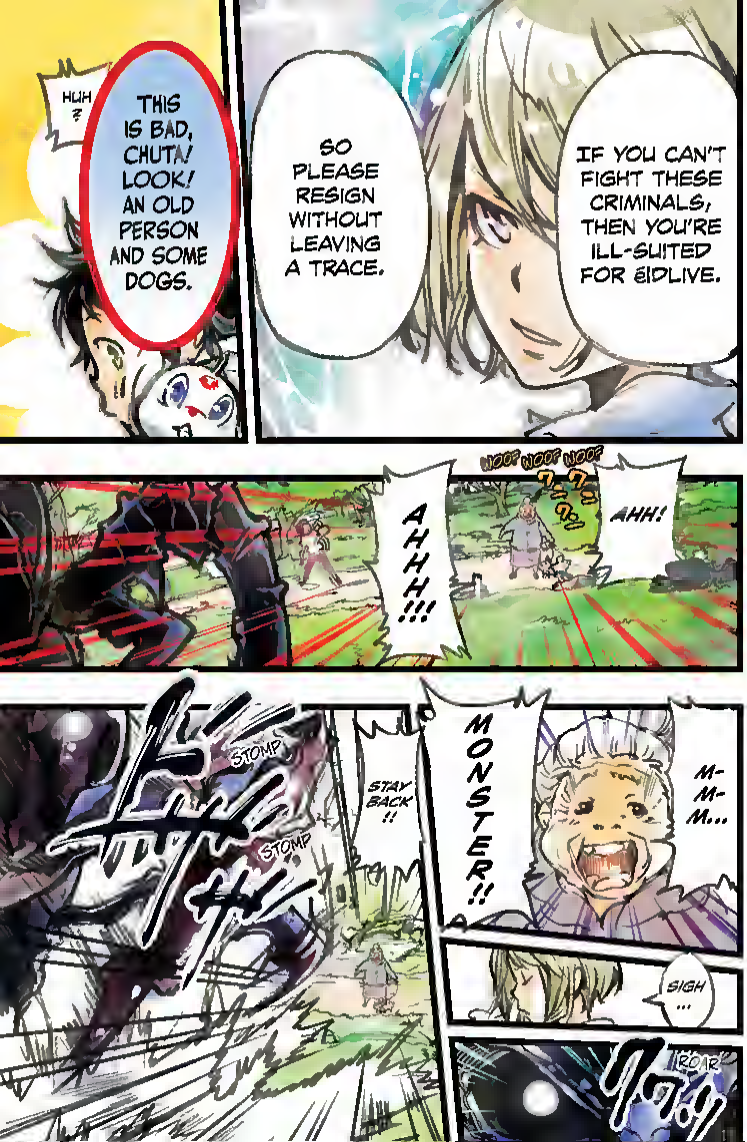
GRR

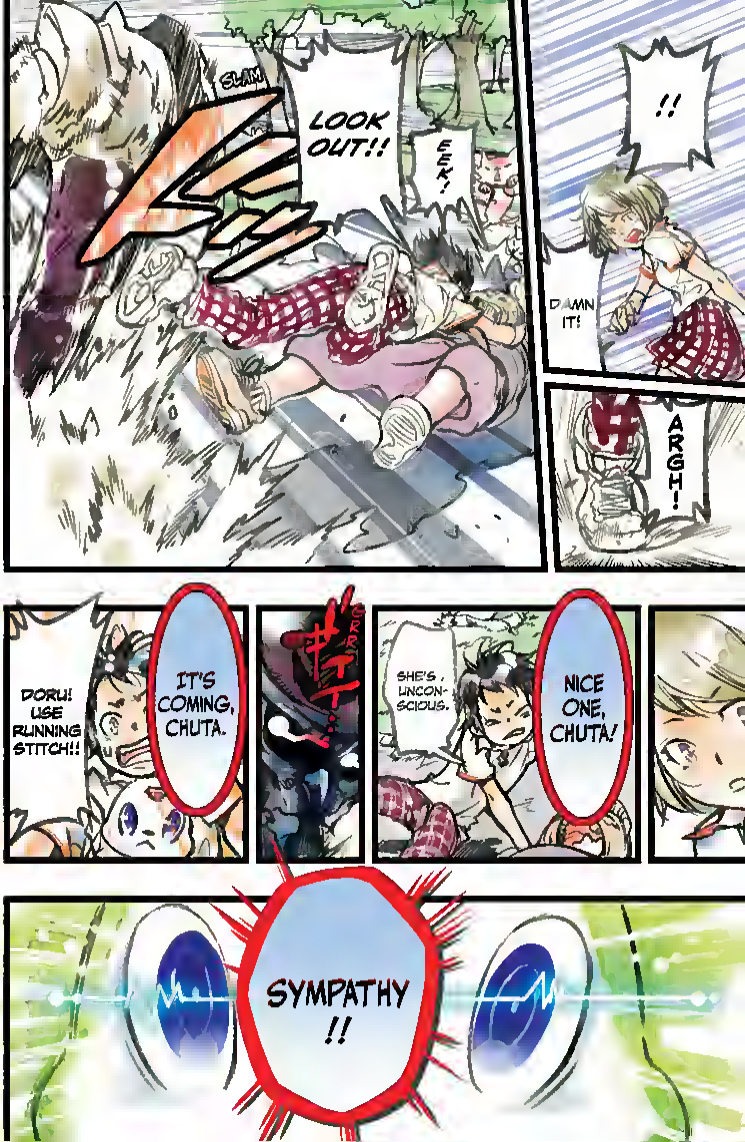
CAPTURE THIS THING? HOW?
POP
LET'S CAPTURE IT CHUTA!
I DON'T THINK IT CARES !!

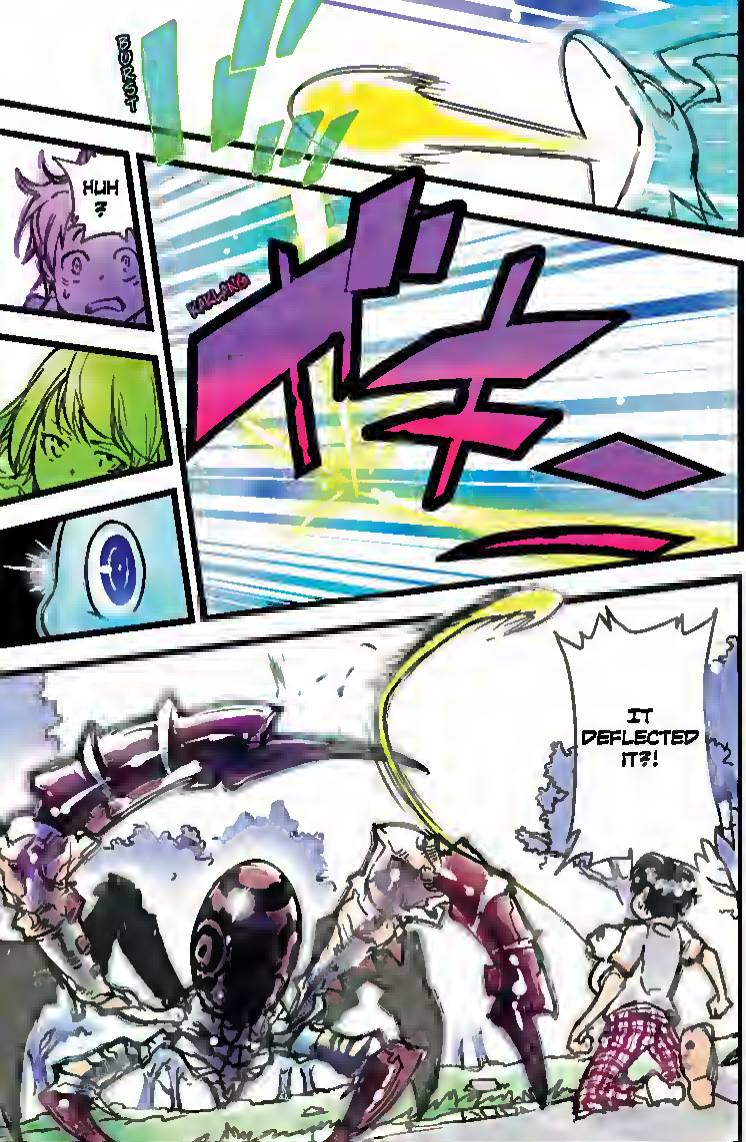
STOP RESISTING AND COME QUIETLY NOW.
OR I'LL HAVE TO USE FORCE.

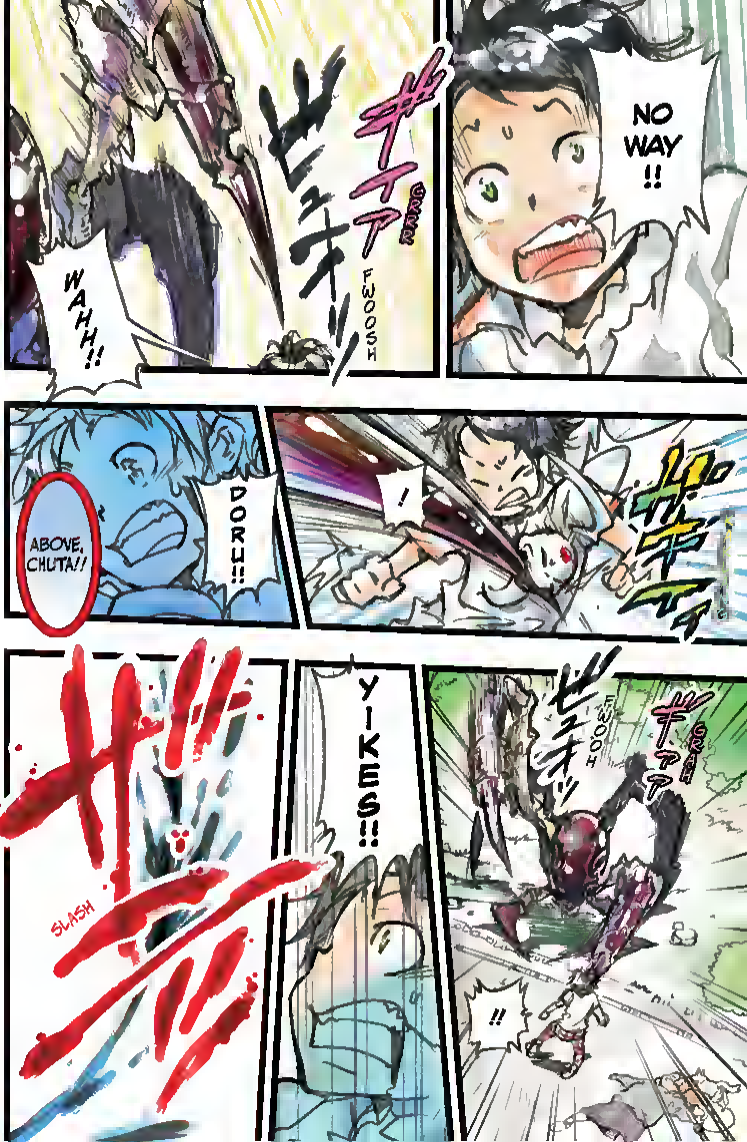
YUCK - GROSS!!
LIKE AN EARTH CRUSTACEAN... IT'S A CRAB, CHUTA!


SO WE'RE BACK TO OLD NEGATIVE CHUTA?
YESTERDAY, YOU HAD FAITH IN YOURSELF AND AWAKENED DORU'S POWERS.
DORU THOUGHT YOU'D FOUND YOUR CONFIDENCE AND OVERCOME THE PAST.
YOU'VE GOT DORU!
WE ARRESTED BLOB-BLOB YESTERDAY, DIDN'T WE?
I'M UN-ARMED!
THAT MON-STER'LL KILL ME!!
THAT WAS JUST A FLUKE! I CAN'T DO THIS!!
I CAN'T CHANGE THAT EASILY...
!!
HELP US!
CHUTA
BEING VULGAR AGAIN? STOP TALKING TO YOUR-SELF.
OH.
RIGHT. SONO-KATA CAN'T HEAR DORU'S VOICE...
BUT YOU FINALLY ADMITTED IT.
IF I'VE GOTTA FIGHT THINGS LIKE THIS EVERY DAY, THEN SIDLIVE JUST ISN'T FOR ME!!
AND THIS MONSTER'S A LOT WORSE THAN YESTER-DAY'S!
BESIDES, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO MADE ME THIS WAY!
LIKE TODAY, WHEN I TALKED ABOUT MY PRIVATE PARTS IN FRONT OF SONOKATA!


HUH ?
THIS IS BAD, CHUTA! LOOK! AN OLD PERSON AND SOME DOGS.
SO PLEASE RESIGN WITHOUT LEAVING A TRACE.
IF YOU CAN'T FIGHT THESE CRIMINALS, THEN YOU'RE ILL-SUITED FOR ĒIDLIVE.
AHHH!!!
WOOF WOOF WOOF
AHH!
STOMP
STOMP
STAY BACK !!
MONSTER!!
M-M-M...
SIGH ...
!ROAR
?!?!

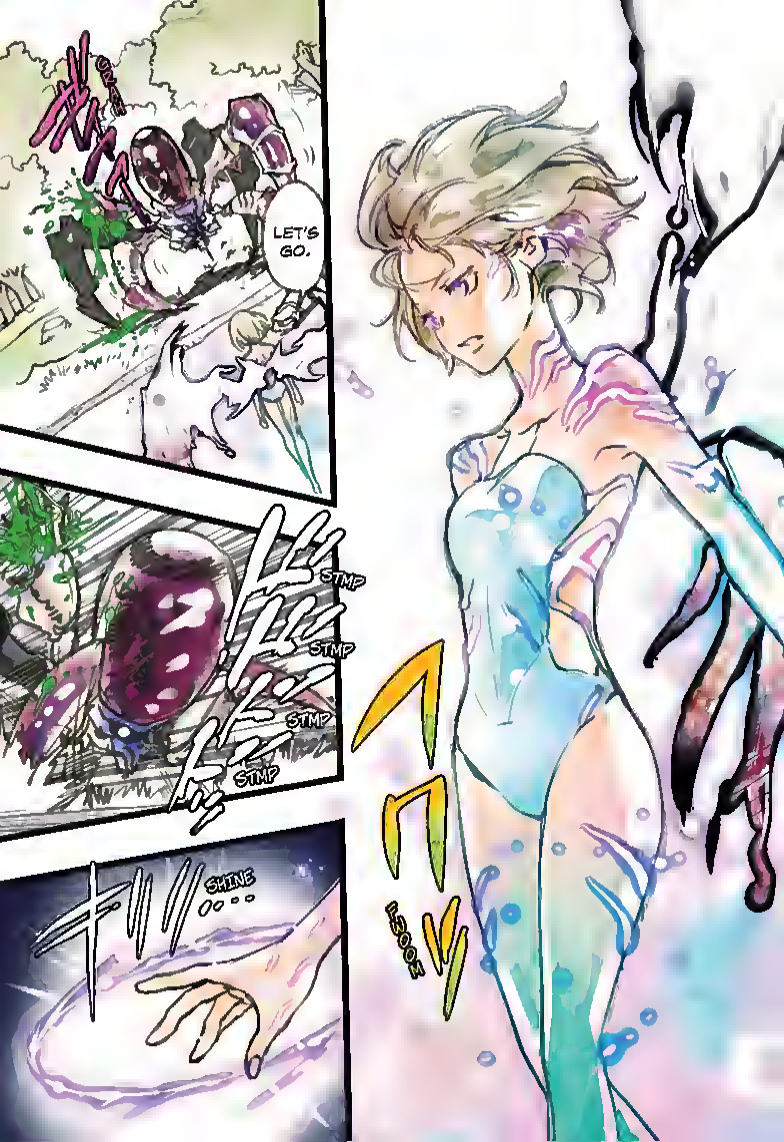

SLAM
LOOK OUT!!
EEK!
!!
DAMN IT!
ARGH!
DORU! USE RUNNING STITCH!!
IT'S COMING, CHUTA.
SHE'S, UNCONSCIOUS.
NICE ONE, CHUTA!
SYMPATHY !!

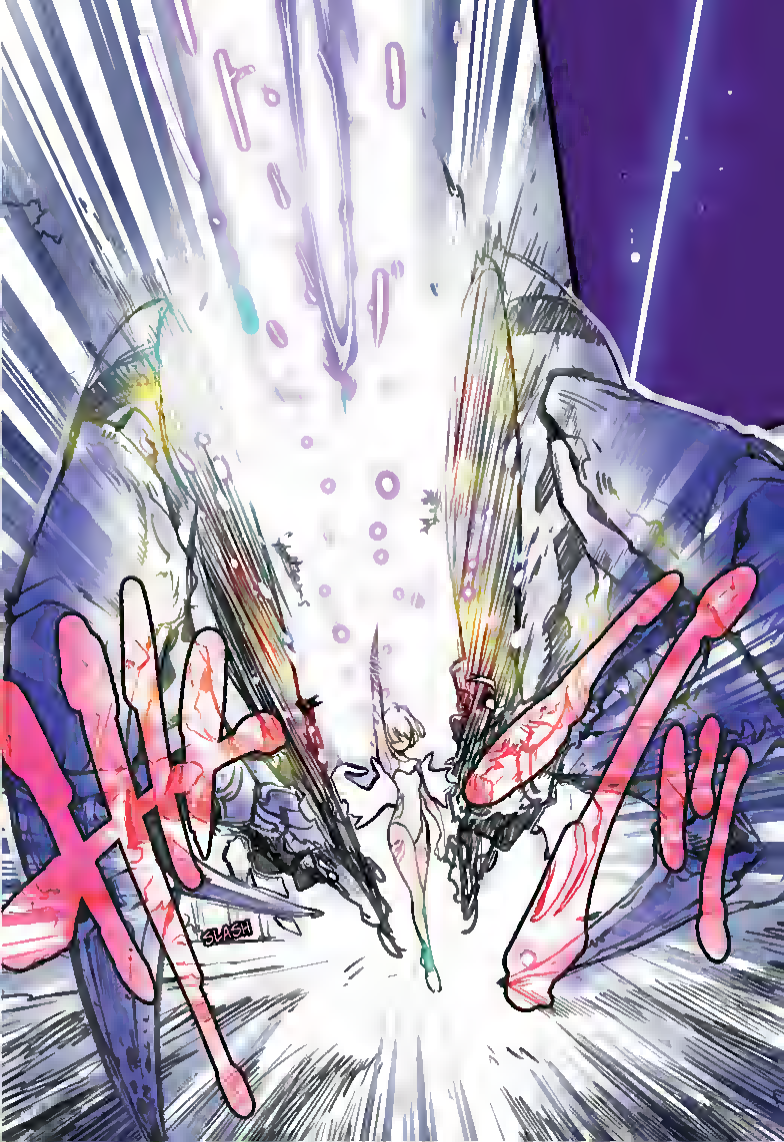

WHOOSH
HUH?
KYUUUNG
IT DEFLECTED IT?!


NO WAY !!
GRAB
FWOOSH
WAHH!!
DORH!!
ABOVE, CHUTA!!
!
YIKES!!
SLASH
!!

!!
!!
GRR
!!
YOU RESISTED ...
...AND FORCED ME TO RESPOND.
THUD

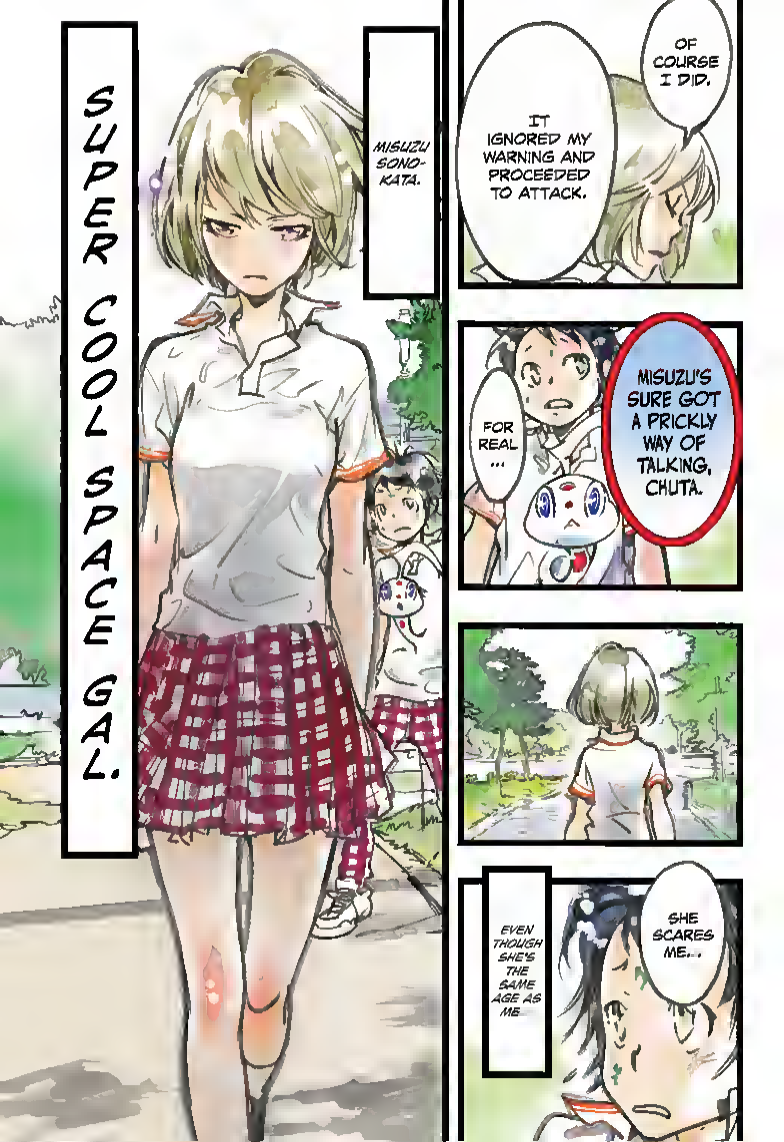
S-SONO-KATA?
HUH?!
TMP
TMP
TEAR
RIP
RIP
RIP
SMELLS SO, SO GOOD! LIKE IN CLASS.
SMELLS GOOD!
!!

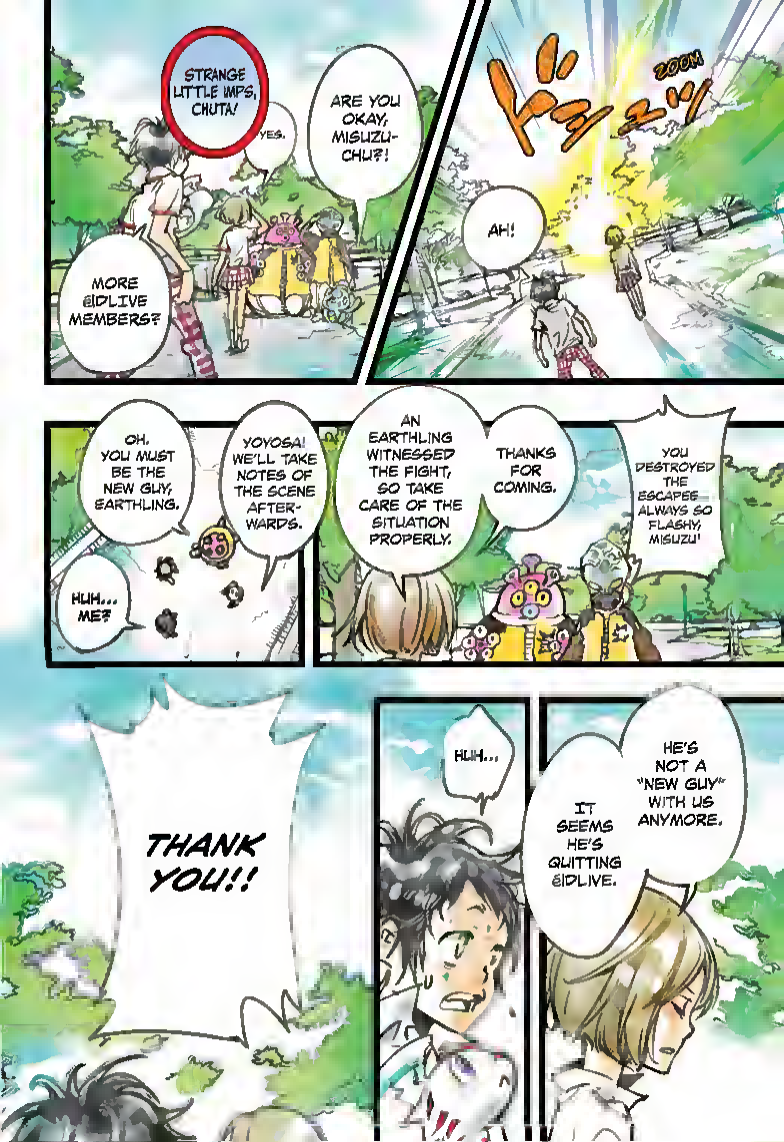

LET'S GO.
STMP
STMP
STMP
STMP
SHINE
RUMBLE


SLASH!

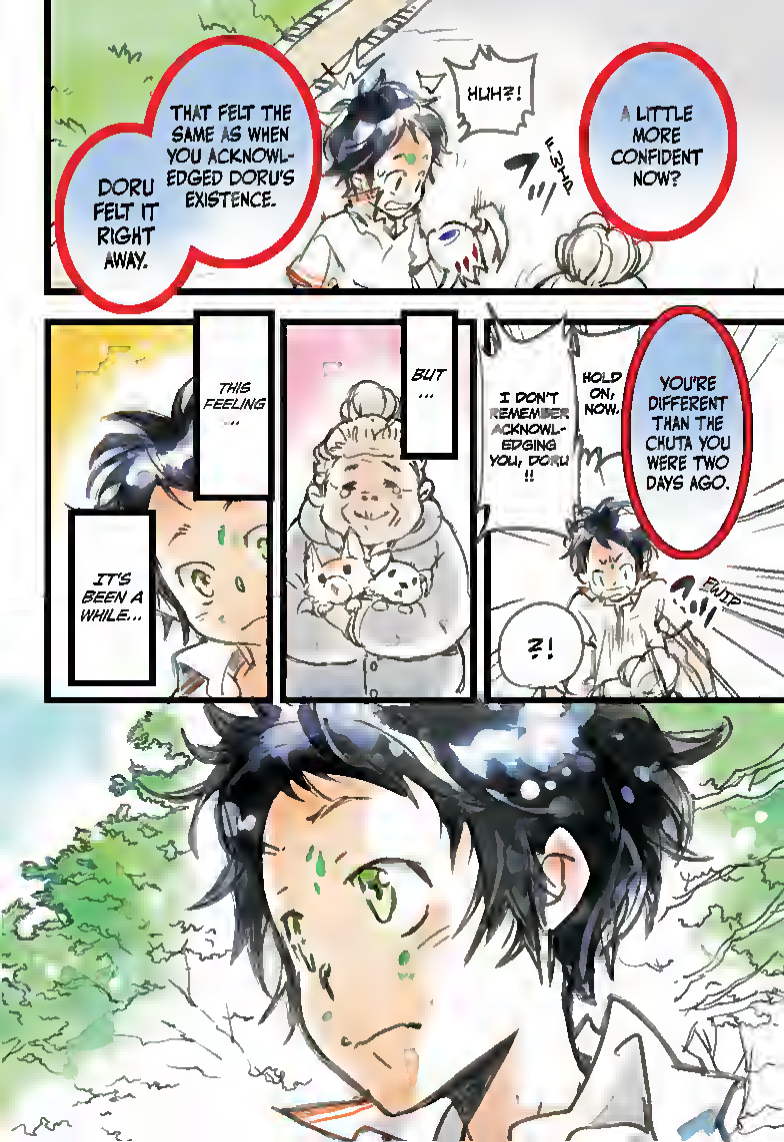
NOW PLEASE VANISH ...
SHINE
... WITHOUT A TRACE.
SLASH
SLASH
SLASH
BOOM

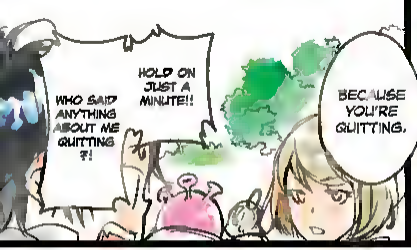
AMAZING!
WHA ...?
I'VE NEVER SEEN AN EARTH HUMAN DO THAT. IS MISUZU REALLY AN EARTHLING?
HUH ?
N-NO WAY..
THAT'S GOTTA BE A WEAPON OR SOMETHING FROM el-DLIVE!!
BUT... THE CRIMINAL ...
SHE KILLED IT?
RIGHT... THAT'S POSSIBLE, CHUTA.


SUPER COOL SPACE GAL.
MISUZU SONO-KATA.
OF COURSE I DID.
IT IGNORED MY WARNING AND PROCEEDED TO ATTACK.
MISUZU'S SURE GOT A PRICKLY WAY OF TALKING, CHUTA.
FOR REAL ...
SHE SCARES ME...
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S THE SAME AGE AS ME.


STRANGE LITTLE IMPS, CHUTA!
YES.
ARE YOU OKAY, MISUZU-CHU?!
MORE EIDLIVE MEMBERS?
ZOOM
AH!
OH, YOU MUST BE THE NEW GUY, EARTHLING.
YOYOSA! WE'LL TAKE NOTES OF THE SCENE AFTER-WARDS.
HUH... ME?
AN EARTHLING WITNESSED THE FIGHT, SO TAKE CARE OF THE SITUATION PROPERLY.
THANKS FOR COMING.
YOU DESTROYED THE ESCAPE. ALWAYS SO FLASHY, MISUZU!
THANK YOU!!
HUH...
IT SEEMS HE'S QUITTING EIDLIVE.
HE'S NOT A "NEW GUY" WITH US ANYMORE.

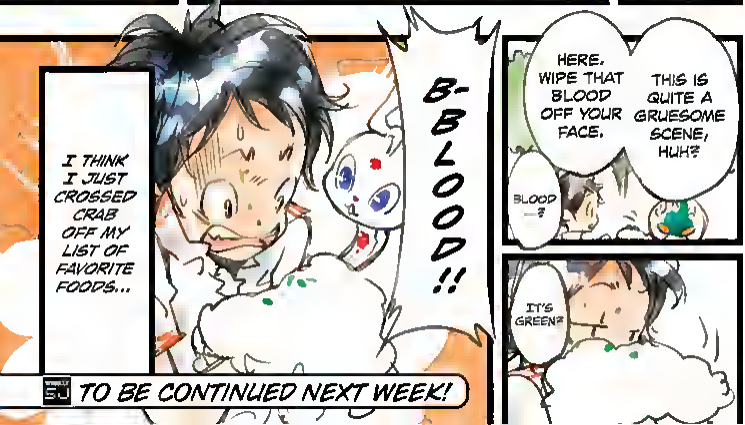
THE OLD LADY FROM BEFORE !!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT MY DOGGIES WOULD'VE DONE IF I'D DIED!!
HUH?
ME?!
I'M ONLY ALIVE BECAUSE YOU PROTECTED ME!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!!
YES, I OWE YOU MY LIFE.
AW... IT WAS...


A LITTLE MORE CONFIDENT NOW?
HUH?!
IT SHOCKED
THAT FELT THE SAME AS WHEN YOU ACKNOWLEDGED DORU'S EXISTENCE.
DORU FELT IT RIGHT AWAY.
YOU'RE DIFFERENT THAN THE CHUTA YOU WERE TWO DAYS AGO.
HOLD ON, NOW.
I DON'T REMEMBER ACKNOWLEDGING YOU, DORU!!
?!
FLUTTER
BUT...
THIS FEELING...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE...


WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT ME QUITTING?!
HOLD ON JUST A MINUTE!!
BECAUSE YOU'RE QUITTING.

YOU CAN GO HOME NOW.
ARE YOU QUITE DONE STANDING AROUND?
!

GLARE!
IF I'M GONNA QUIT, I'LL TELL THE CHIEF MYSELF.
BESIDES.


I THINK I JUST CROSSED CRAB OFF MY LIST OF FAVORITE FOODS...
B-BLOOD!!
HERE, WIPE THAT BLOOD OFF YOUR FACE.
THIS IS QUITE A GRUESOME SCENE, HUH?
BLOOD —?
IT'S GREEN?
TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK!